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# **Annual Report**

## **Town of West Bath**

Audited Year Ending June 30, 2017





## **In Memory**

### **Evelyn Mary (White) Desmond**

### **1924-2017**

Evelyn Mary (White) Desmond passed away peacefully at her home in West Bath on Sunday, December 31, 2017 surrounded by her loving family.

Evelyn was born on September 11, 1924 in the living room of her family farmhouse in West Bath, the very same room that she passed. She was the daughter of the late Herbert and Laura (Durant) White, and the wife of the late Albert H. Desmond.

She grew up in West Bath and began her education attending Lowell School, a one-room school house. Evelyn graduated from Morse High School in 1943 as valedictorian, and from University of Maine in 1947 majoring in Psychology and a member of Chi Omega sorority.

After college, Evelyn returned to Bath and accepted a position in the personnel department at Hyde Windlass Company (HWC). When Bath Iron Works (BIW) acquired HWC, Evelyn was assigned to the BIW personnel department. Evelyn worked her way up the career ladder, leading special projects, and ultimately serving as Director of Personnel until she retired in 1990. Retirement allowed her to drive to Rhode Island to spend time with her grandchildren, to play bridge and travel to Barbados with dear friends, volunteer at the cafeteria of Mid Coast Hospital, exercise at Running Start, and enjoy gardening.

In addition to her successful working career, Evelyn also was a long-serving, active member of her community. Evelyn served 35 years on the West Bath School Board; served 40 years as a director of the Five County Credit Union; was a member and past president of the United Way; was an active leader in the Bath Business and Professional Woman (BPW) organization; was a board member and past president of Community Health and Nursing Services (CHANS); was an active alumnus of the Bath High School Alumni Association; served on the Steering Committee of Mid Coast U Maine Alumni Association, and served on the Sagadahoc County Republican Committee. Evelyn was also a Mid Coast Hospital Corporator, Patten Free Library Corporator, a member of the West Bath Historical Society, and member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

**In honor of her lifelong service and devotion to the Town of West Bath,  
it is with the deepest of gratitude that we posthumously award her the  
2018 Spirit of America Award for West Bath, Maine.**



**Annual Report**  
for the Town of West Bath  
Audit Year Ending June 30, 2017

**Budget Town Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
*and Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> if necessary*  
**West Bath School, 126 New Meadows Road**



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# Town of West Bath Boards & Committees

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**Board of Appeals** Justin Hennessey, Chair · Walter Frank, Vice Chair · Debra Bruce  
Kathleen Perry & Ashleigh Randall, Alternates

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**Board of Assessment Review** Juanita Wilson-Hennessey, Chair · Robert Morris, Secretary  
Richard Totten · Lisa Atkins & Chester Garrison, Alternates

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**Board of Selectmen** Peter Oceretko, Chair · Madelyn Hennessey · Kathleen Lavallee  
*Selectmen meetings are held at the West Bath Town Hall at 5:30 pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month with some exceptions. To discuss an agenda item, contact the Town Administrator at (207) 443-4342.*

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**Budget Advisory Committee** David Hennessey, Chair · Darlene Estabrook · Jeffery Emmerson  
Justin Hennessey · Donna Merry · Paula Nelson · Mark Travis

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**Cemetery Committee** Ashleigh Randall, Chair · Catherine Powers · Nicholas Randall

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**Economic Development Corporation** Ronald Beal · Paul Coombs · David Hennessey  
Leslie Kalisz · Steven Kalisz · Robert Weir

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**Investment Committee** Steve Kalisz, Chair · Paul Coombs · Robert Weir

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**Marine Resources Board** Warren Swanson, Chair · Paul Mateosian, Secretary  
Tim Davis · Dale McNelly · Jason Cray · Dave Morin, Alternate  
*Marine Resources Board meets on the last Wednesday of each month, at 6:00 pm October-March during daylight savings time, and at 7:00 pm from April to September with no meetings held in July or August.*

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**Planning Board** Richard Davis, Chair · James Williams, Vice Chair · Wayne Renshaw  
Kathy Travis · Jeremie Whorff · Scott Andresen & Jay Paris, Alternates  
*Planning Board meetings are held at the West Bath Town Hall at 6:30 pm on the second Tuesday of the month. To discuss an agenda item, contact the Codes Enforcement Officer (207) 443-4342.*

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**Recycling Committee** Roberta Jordan · Robin Whorff · Elizabeth Woodworth

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**West Bath School Board of Directors** Keith Hinds, Chair · Dennis Crews, Vice Chair  
Bob McDaniel · Ashleigh Randall · Mary Gaul Wallace  
*School Board Meetings are held at 6:30 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at West Bath School, 126 New Meadows Road. To discuss an agenda item, contact the Superintendent at (207) 443-6305*

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**Winnegance River Herring Commission** David Hennessey, Chair · Jonathan Davis

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**For upcoming meetings visit [www.westbath.com](http://www.westbath.com)  
or email [townclerk@westbath.org](mailto:townclerk@westbath.org) to receive our weekly events calendar**

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**If you are interested in serving on a committee, contact the Town Administrator,  
Adam Garland at [townadministrator@westbath.org](mailto:townadministrator@westbath.org) or 443-4342.**

# Town of West Bath Town Office Information

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## West Bath Town Office Hours

Monday 8:30am to 5pm  
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am to 4pm

During inclement weather, please call  
to make sure the Town Office is open.  
Delays and cancellations are announced  
on WCSH (NBC) and WMTW (ABC)

## Contact Us:

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## Board of Selectmen

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Madelyn Hennessey mhennessey@westbath.org  
Kathleen Lavallee klavallee@westbath.org

## Office Staff:

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**Tax Collector/Treasurer**  
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[taxcollector@westbath.org](mailto:taxcollector@westbath.org)

**Town Clerk/Registrar**  
Karly Perry (Ext 11)  
[townclerk@westbath.org](mailto:townclerk@westbath.org)

**Assessing Agent**  
Ronald Beal (Ext 10)  
Tuesday & Thursday 9am-5pm  
[assessor@westbath.org](mailto:assessor@westbath.org)



**Codes Enforcement Officer**  
Ellis Reed (Ext 16)  
Weds 1-5pm & Thurs 3-5pm  
[codes@westbath.org](mailto:codes@westbath.org)

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## West Bath Municipal Holidays

Fiscal Year End Audit (Close at noon)	Friday, June 29, 2018
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Veterans Day	Monday, November 12, 2018
Office Closed at Noon	Wednesday, November 21, 2018
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2018
Office Closed	Friday, November 23, 2018
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas	Tuesday, December 25, 2018
New Year's Eve (Close at 2pm)	Monday, December 31, 2018
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 21, 2019
Presidents Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Patriots Day	Monday, April 15, 2019
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2019



# A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting

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## WHAT HAPPENS AT TOWN MEETING?

Town Meeting serves many of the same functions as the Legislature in Augusta and the Congress in Washington, passing laws and adopting budgets. *Some say Town Meeting is most pure form of democracy because citizens, not representatives, participate directly in making of laws and the raising and spending of their taxes.*

## HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR TOWN MEETING?

An Information Session is held 2 weeks prior to Town Meeting to review the Town Meeting Warrant and answer any questions you may have. In addition, it is important to stay up-to-date on town events, which inevitably impact spending. The minutes from Selectmen's meetings are available on the [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org) or at the Town Office and offer valuable insight as to the day-to-day decisions that impact West Bath.

## WILL I SEEM SILLY IF I ASK QUESTIONS?

NO. Most articles in the warrant are less than brief and are written to comply with legal requirements. Which is to say, many articles are not self-explanatory. **If you want or need more information before you vote, you have a duty to ask for it.** Voting for something you do not understand is worse than not voting at all.

### Some commonly asked questions are:

- How much did we spend last year on this? Can you explain the difference?
- Can we set up a committee to study this?
- I don't think the town has enough information.
- Should we establish a reserve account and build for this instead of raising taxes?
- Are we taking too much from surplus? How much will this leave us within surplus?
- Is this ordinance really necessary? What's really the problem?
- Why is work being done on the " \_\_\_\_\_ Road" this year?

## SOME TIPS FOR ASKING QUESTIONS:

- Keep questions short and to the point
- Ask one question at a time – do not interrupt.
- Direct your questions to the Moderator.



**TOWN OF WEST BATH  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
FOR MAY 29, 2018 BUDGET TOWN MEETING**

**TO:** Ellis Reed, a Constable of the Town of West Bath, County of Sagadahoc:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of West Bath, in the said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **West Bath School**, in said Town, on **Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6 p.m.**, then and there to act on the following Articles, set out to wit:

**Art. 1** To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**[NOTE: All municipal budget articles are recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee unless otherwise noted. All other municipal articles are recommended by the Selectmen unless otherwise noted.]**

*Arts. 2 – 16: The Moderator may entertain a motion to consider and vote on Articles 2-16 as a group, unless a voter requests one or more specific article(s) be set aside for individual consideration, which request shall be honored.*

**ALEWIVES**

**Art. 2.** To see if the Town will vote to maintain, and exercise if appropriate, its right to take alewives from the New Meadows Lake consistent with the terms and conditions specified at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

**Art. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to maintain a fishway on Winnegance Lake and to exercise its right to take alewives from Winnegance Lake in accordance with the terms and conditions specified at the June 1988 Town Meeting and an agreement with the City of Bath and the Town of Phippsburg.

**MUNICIPAL FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October 16, 2018 as the date when taxes shall become due and payable and to charge a 8% interest rate (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 505(4), the State maximum rate) on unpaid taxes to start after that date.

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest to be paid by the Town on refunds of taxes that are paid but later abated at 4% (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, the State maximum rate less 4%) and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to apply the unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of 12% of the total non-capital expenditures for FY 2017-18, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year.

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. § 506, will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax acquired property held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 944 upon a finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to \$10,000 to meet unanticipated financial obligations.

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in FY 2018-2019.

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes.

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional or unconditional gifts of real property provided that no single gift will obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Selectmen.

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose by sealed bid of Town-owned personal property with a value of over \$500 and deemed by the Selectmen to be surplus.

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks; copies of Town ordinances and other documents; permit, license and land use application fees; notary services; and various other fees.

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following appropriated but unexpended funds at the end of FY 2017-2018, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated:

- a) General Assistance
- b) Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterway
- c) Boat Excise (for Harbor & Waterways/Marine Resources expenses)
- d) Business/Economic Development – Economic Development Committee
- e) Business/Economic Development – Wing Farm Industrial Park

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$363,447 from motor vehicle excise tax revenue for the maintenance of public roads, hot-topping, construction, salt shed utilities, signs, plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking lots, the Road Commissioner's annual stipend and other public works related projects. (FY 2017-2018: \$342,631)

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the General Roads appropriated but unexpended funds at the end of FY 2017-2018 to the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund and to re-appropriate the same for road projects; provided, however, that the Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of any such funds prior to such expenditure.

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to deposit any motor vehicle excise tax revenue not otherwise appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant in the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund and to appropriate the same for road projects; provided, however, that the Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of any such funds prior to such expenditure.

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from revenue generated from the Transfer Station - Rent account as follows: (a) \$11,750 to operate the public Drop-Off/Recycling Center (FY 2017-2018: \$11,750); and (b) \$1,200 for use by the Recycling Committee for hazardous waste drop-offs and other special events (FY 2017-2018: \$1,200).

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$87,910 for Fire Department Operations and Fire Protection. (FY 2017-2018: \$88,471 [\$70,071 Operations and \$18,400 Fire Protection])

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Fire Department Capital Improvement Fund. (FY 2017-2018: \$0)

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Art. 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$329,570 for wages and stipends, payroll taxes, worker's compensation insurance, unemployment payments, and benefits (health insurance for full-time employees and retirement contribution for full-time employees, Assessing Agent and CEO). [Note: The amount excludes the Shellfish Warden's wages and the Harbor Master and Road Commissioner's stipends, which are funded by associated revenue accounts.] (FY 2017-2018: \$321,453)

**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$88,540 for municipal operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, utilities, advertising, elections, supplies, property/casualty/liability insurance, postage, animal control expenses, grounds and building maintenance, janitorial service, training/seminars, travel, deed fees, and all computer-related network support and support contracts. (FY 2017-2018: \$87,090)

**Art. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all dog licensing fees and penalties collected during FY 2018-2019, with the exception of the recording fee that must be retained by the municipal clerk

pursuant to State law, as additional payment to the Animal Control Officer for services rendered to the Town.

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the accounts below:

	<b><u>FY 2018-2019</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017-2018</u></b>
Ambulance	\$60,000	\$60,000
General Assistance	0	0
Hydrant Rental	27,544	27,160
Street Lights	2,240	2,000
Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance	2,400	2,100
Selectmen's Contingency Fund	5,000	5,000

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,397 for professional services/dues/memberships (MMA, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, town maps, annual report, auditing, Board of Assessment Review, Board of Appeals, legal services and litigation expenses, Planning Board). (FY 2017-2018: \$37,847)

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of FY 2018-2019 to budget accounts that have overruns at the end of FY 2018-2019, provided that any such transfer is not more than ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated under the municipal budget and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Town Building Capital Improvement Fund. (FY 2017-2018: \$0)

### **COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as donations to community agencies:

	<b><u>FY 2018-2019</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2017-2018</u></b>
a. Bath Senior Citizens	900	875
b. Bath Area Food Bank	1,500	1,500
c. Senior Spectrum	1,400	1,365
d. Sweetser/Shoreline Mental Health	2,252	2,252
e. Midcoast Maine Community Action	1,500	1,500
f. New Hope for Women	500	500
Total:	\$8,052	\$7,992

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,204 as a payment to the Patten Free Library. (FY 2017-2018: \$32,547)

## **WATERWAYS & HARBORS**

**Art. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$3,918 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for the Harbor Master's stipend and reimbursements/expenses. (FY 2017-2018: \$3,853)

## **MARINE RESOURCES**

**Art. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$17,678 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for the Shellfish Warden's wages and expenses and Town boat expenses. (FY 2017-2018: \$17,838 [\$17,138 Shellfish Warden and \$700 Town boat])

## **LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**Art. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to the Long Term Capital Improvement Fund Reserve Account in order to replenish funds that were previously appropriated for capital improvement projects.

## **PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT (LD 1)**

**Art. 35.** (Written ballot required by State statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$550,018 established for the Town of West Bath by State law, but only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

## **WEST BATH SCHOOL BUDGET**

### **Expenditures**

**Art. 36.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Regular Instruction**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$2,122,062.87**

*Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for regular education teachers and support personnel, as well as classroom supplies, equipment, books, and repairs for grades K-5. This article also includes the contracted services for pre-kindergarten students and tuition costs for students in grades 6-12.*

**Art. 37.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Special Education**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$667,822.02**

*Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for special education teachers and support personnel, out of district placement, and professional services.*



**Art. 38.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Career and Technical Education**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$0**

*Explanation: Career and Technical Education will be provided through RSU 1 and is included in tuition rates.*

**Art. 39.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Other Instruction**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$4,500.00**

*Explanation: This article includes costs to provide students with learning experiences not included under other programs (i.e., co-curricular, extra-curricular activities).*

**Art. 40.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Student and Staff Support**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$202,755.18**

*Explanation: This article covers salaries and benefits for Guidance, Health, Technology, Improvement of Instruction, Staff Development, Library, and Student Assessment.*

**Art. 41.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **System Administration**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$95,692.36**

*Explanation: This article provides salaries and benefits for the Office of the Superintendent. It also covers expenses for the School Board of Directors, financial software, insurance, advertising, dues and fees, legal fees, and auditing expenses.*

**Art. 42.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **School Administration**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$208,875.31**

*Explanation: This article includes salaries and benefits for the Principal and support staff. It includes equipment, supplies, dues and fees, and contracted services.*

**Art. 43.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Transportation**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$161,262.50**

*Explanation: This article covers expenses for transporting students to and from school.*

**Art. 44.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Facilities Maintenance**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$204,600.50**

*Explanation: This article covers expenses for facilities operations and contracted services for the West Bath School and grounds.*

**Art. 45.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Debt Service and Other Commitments**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$0**

*Explanation: There is no current outstanding indebtedness relating to the West Bath School.*

**Art. 46.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for **Other Expenditures, including Food Service**.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$35,000.00**

*Explanation: This article covers expenses relating to the school lunch program.*

### **Revenues**

**Art. 47.** To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise and assess as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688.

**School Board of Directors Recommends Total Appropriated: \$2,380,316.73**

**School Board of Directors Recommends Total Raised: \$2,214,430.31**

*Explanation: The school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act is the amount of money determined by state law to be the minimum amount that the municipality must raise and assess in order to receive the full amount of state dollars.*

**Art. 48.** (written ballot required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds **(the School Board of Directors recommends \$931,855.81)**, which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by **(the School Board of Directors Recommends \$1,322,254.01)** as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board.

**The School Board of Directors recommends \$931,855.81 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State’s Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,322,254.01:**

**The additional local funds represent local costs to support the school administrative unit school programs that are not included in the State’s funding model, including costs for transportation and special education services.**

*Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the school administrative unit’s local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act that will help to achieve the budget for educational programs.*

**Art. 49.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the school administrative unit’s contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, undesignated fund balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

**School Board of Directors Recommends: \$3,702,570.74**

*Explanation: This article is a summary article and approves expenditures of the proposed budget of \$3,702,570.74. This article authorizes the School Board of Directors to spend the money appropriated in the previous articles, plus other revenues. This article does not raise any additional money. The following estimated revenue sources to be used are:*

Local Contribution	\$2,214,430.31
Additional Local Contribution	\$931,855.81
EPS State Subsidy	\$165,886.42
Tuition Credit (from RSU 1)	\$101,952.90
Carryover from 17-18	\$285,000.00
Carryover from 16-17 Undesignated Funds	\$3,445.30

**Total: \$3,702,570.74**

**Art. 50.** In addition to the amount in Article 49, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to accept and expend any state, federal, and other grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, for school purposes, provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require the expenditure of other local funds not previously appropriated?

**The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.**

**Art. 51.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amounts appropriated in Article 46 to the Food Service Fund and to authorize the School Board of Directors to expend those funds from said reserve fund.

**The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.**

*Explanation: The Food Service Fund is an existing reserve fund that is used to support the school nutrition program.*

**Art. 52.** In the event that the West Bath School Administrative Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board of Directors, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board of Directors?

**The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.**

**Art. 53.** Do you wish to continue the budget validation referendum process in the West Bath School Administrative Unit for an additional three years?

**The School Board of Directors Recommends a NO vote.**

*Explanation: A "YES" vote will require the West Bath SAU to continue to conduct a referendum to validate its annual school budget for the next three years. A "NO" vote will discontinue the budget validation referendum for at least three years and provide instead that the annual school budget shall be finally adopted at a meeting of the voters.*

Given under our hands at said West Bath, Maine, this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen

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*Peter Oceretko, Chair*

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*Madelyn Hennessey*

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*Kathleen Lavallee*



# Board of Selectmen Report

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The Board of Selectmen meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month. At every meeting, we conduct some routine business, such as reviewing and authorizing budgeted expenditures. In addition, we routinely conduct town business, such as considering abatement applications for taxes, listening carefully to citizen's comments, and, following the advice of the Investment Committee, we authorize the stewardship of the Town's Reserve Account of the proceeds from the RSU1 settlement. The meetings are seldom dramatic, but the business of the town is always interesting.

This year, the Town can point to a number of accomplishments. The new sand and salt shed was completed this fall, and immediately was loaded up with the winter supply. Having a sufficient supply kept thawed and dry allowed our contractor to keep the roads safe during the snowy winter. A new three year contract was awarded last Spring, and included new specifications for plowing and clearing, for which many townspeople have expressed appreciation. We have secured the new building with security cameras, and created a system for accounting for the use of sand and salt.

In response to citizen concerns, a new volunteer cemetery committee was established to oversee grounds keeping of our historic graveyards. A new energy committee has been formed to look at ways to conserve energy and money in Town buildings. Also in response to citizen concerns, we have invited the Maine Department of Marine Resources and friends from neighboring towns to a workshop and information session about the growth of the aquaculture industry in the New Meadows watershed.

We are always concerned with the need for the town to be a safe and healthy place to live, and the need to be financially responsible. To that end, this year we have refined the purchasing policy to give the town administrator and the road commissioner particularly, both flexibility and accountability in the expenditure of town funds. We have authorized the expenditure of funds for a new, reliable generator for the fire house, which is also our emergency shelter. We have also acted on requests for quit claim deeds to redeem tax-foreclosed properties. In an unusual case, when the former property owner applied for a quit claim deed following the third foreclosure on the same property, the Board voted to retain town ownership of the property.

The October storm created havoc all over the Town of West Bath. Chief Beane and the members of the volunteer Fire Department provided service above and beyond the call of duty, clearing trees from roadways and ensuring that citizens were protected from fallen electrical wires. Town Administrator Adam Garland was also on the scene, assisting, throughout the clean-up. Currently, Mr. Garland and Chief Beane are working with Sagadahoc County personnel to update the Town's emergency plans to ensure preparedness in future events.

I am taking this opportunity to offer a note of appreciation to our Town Office staff. Karly Perry, Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters, not only does an exemplary job of record keeping and managing elections; she also has created and manages the Town Facebook page. She posts the recordings of Select Board meetings to YouTube, as well. Julia House, Tax Collector and Treasurer, is meticulous in her work, and keeps an eagle eye on town expenditures. Ron Beal, Assessor, has begun a new, more efficient, way of keeping track of changes of property ownership, and Ellis Reed, Codes Enforcement Officer, continues to perform his duties with a careful balance of adherence to ordinances, and good sense response to individual situations.

A note of appreciation is due also to Paula Nelson, who did not seek reelection to the Board of Selectmen, but whose service to the Town continues as a member of the Budget Advisory Committee. We welcomed Kathleen Lavalley to the Board upon her election in November, and she has "hit the ground running."

We invite you to come to all of our meetings, on the second and fourth Mondays, at 5:30 p.m., or to watch the recordings as they are posted online. These can be accessed through the Town of West Bath website. And finally, we urge you to come to Town Meeting, where, in the purest form of democracy, your voice and your vote is heard and counted.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Madelyn Hennessey*  
Board of Selectmen



# West Bath Board of Appeals

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The first paragraph of the Maine Municipal Board of Appeals Manual introduces the duties of the West Bath Board of Appeals best. It states, “Serving on a municipal board of appeals is probably one of the most difficult jobs that a citizen can volunteer to do. The board of appeals, more than any other board, generally performs the same function at the local level as an appeals court judge. Like a judge, the appeals board must decide difficult questions in accordance with local ordinances, State laws, and court cases. Often those decisions will seem harsh and contrary to “common sense,” both to board members and to the general public. This is particularly true when the board is asked to decide a request for a variance. However, the board is bound to follow the law until the law is changed. Explaining this to citizens seeking help from the board probably is one of the board’s most unpleasant tasks.”

The Board of Appeals takes action on the first Tuesday of each month at the Town Office, provided there is business for the Board to address. If you need to request a hearing, please pick up an application at the Town Office. Make sure the entire application is completed before submitting it along with the filing fee, so a date may be scheduled with no delay.

*In 2017 there was one application made to the appeals board.*

Respectfully submitted,  
*Justin Hennessey*  
Board of Appeals Chair

Walter Frank, Vice Chair  
Debra Bruce  
Kathleen Perry, Alternate  
Ashleigh Randall, Alternate

## West Bath Board of Assessment Review (BAR)

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The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) has had one request for appeal hearing for the Tax Commitment effective April 1, 2017 as of the date of this submittal. The subject of the pending appeal is Tax Map U13 Lot 32.

The BAR conducted a public workshop on April 26, 2017 to discuss the abatement appeal process in generalities with the goal of identifying improvement points to support efficiently conducting future hearings in a de novo setting that encourages presentation of significant relevant detail while also achieving maximum time effectiveness for all parties.

Each year any taxpayer who feels an error or irregularity has occurred in the assessment of his/ her property has 185 days from formal tax commitment (usually in the fall) to first discuss the concern with the Assessing Agent and then to file a formal request for abatement if the taxpayer’s concern is not alleviated. If the abatement is denied by the elected Assessors the taxpayer may then appeal the denial to the local BAR. BAR Hearings are open to public attendance and are advertised in the Times Record and posted on the website calendar. The decision of the BAR may be appealed directly to Superior Court by either the taxpayer or by the town.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Juanita Wilson-Hennessey*  
Board of Assessment Review Chair  
(Term ends 2020)

Robert Morris, Secretary (Term Ends 2018)  
Richard Totten (Term Ends 2019)  
Chet Garrison, Alternate (Term Ends 2019)  
Lisa Atkins, Alternate (Term Ends 2020)

# Budget Advisory Committee

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The proposed town budget for 2018-2019 should have less of a tax increase than last year. The final dollar amount will not be known until the state legislature ends the current session.

The municipal side of the proposed budget is up 3.68 % (\$38,558), while the school's portion is up 1.54 % (\$ 47,675).

It should be noted that the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) held numerous budget meetings with town departments and they put forth a lot of effort in holding down tax increases. There were a number of difficult budget cuts made.

In the coming years there are two major expenses that the town will have to plan for: repairs to the Sabino Road and the purchase of a new fire truck.

The first concerns the "swamp" area of the Sabino Road as this portion of the road continues to sink. Even though the town has received a grant of \$95,000, the estimated cost to the town is between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The permit process has started and will take a year or so to complete, but the town will continue to apply for other grants to help offset the cost.

The second concern is that the town will have to replace the pumper fire truck as it is approaching 25 years old. The fire chief is in the process of writing up the specifications for a new truck that will best serve the town's needs.

As of now, the plan is to have articles for the Sabino Road repairs and the new fire truck for the 2019 Town Meeting. The funding for both would be through the town's investment fund which would be reimbursed over a period of years.

The BAC reminds residents that our meetings are open to the public and we encourage all residents to participate in the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2018. A Public Information Session on the articles for town meeting is set for May 15, 2018.

As always members of the BAC will be at the Town Meeting to answer any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Hennessey*

Budget Advisory Committee Chair

Committee Members:

David Hennessey, Chair

Darlene Estabrook

Jeffrey Emerson

Justin Hennessey

Donna Merry

Marc Travis

Paula Nelson

# Cemetery Committee's Report

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Dear Citizens of West Bath,

The Cemetery Committee was officially adopted as a town committee by the Board of Selectman on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

This committee was formed as an advisory committee with the following objectives:

- > To locate and review all town cemeteries
- > Develop a maintenance plan for cemeteries
- > Work with the Town Administrator to budget for annual cemetery maintenance
- > Conduct periodic site visits to cemeteries throughout each year with the purpose of reporting maintenance needs

The committee is currently comprised of three members and two additional members are needed to serve as alternates. We have decided to meet on a semiannual basis, once in the spring and once in the fall. The purpose of these meetings will be to schedule clean ups and discuss the findings after site visits have been conducted.

As a board, the first goals that we have set for ourselves are to obtain formal signage for each cemetery in town, as well as develop an official map of all town maintained cemeteries.

In the near future, we will be planning cemetery clean ups which will occur once in the spring and once in the fall. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist in our clean-up efforts would be very much appreciated! This would also be a great opportunity for community groups to receive some community service hours.

If you are interested in joining our committee as an alternate, would like to help with clean-up efforts, or have any additional information that you would like to contribute, please feel free to contact the town office.

Thank you,

*Ashleigh Randall*

Ashleigh Randall, Chair  
Catherine Powers, Secretary  
Nicholas Randall



# Investment Committee Report

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The West Bath Investment Committee serves as an advisory body to the Board of Selectmen with regard to the Long Term Capital Improvement Fund. The objective of the Long Term Capital Improvement Fund is to provide, over the very long term, a stable real (inflation-adjusted) continuing fund to support the Town budget, and to meet needs specific to the capital investments of the Town.

The West Bath Investment Committee provided an investment recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for the investment of the funds in Long Term Capital Improvement Fund. The recommendation follows the Town of West Bath's Investment Policy:

- Preservation of capital and protection of investment principal
- Maximization of return on investment while minimizing risk
- Maintain sufficient liquidity to meet anticipated capital projects of the Town

This year the Town's first draw on the Long Term Capital Improvement Fund for a capital investment was for the construction of the new salt/sand shed.

Over the year the West Bath Investment Committee provided to the Board of Selectmen several investment recommendations as original investments (insured certificates of deposit) matured.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Kalisz*  
Investment Committee

Committee Members:  
Steve Kalisz, Chair  
Paul Coombs  
Robert Weir



# Marine Resources Committee

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To maintain a commercial shellfish licenses, clammers must complete 12 hours of conservation time a combination of reseeding, surveys, clean-up days, and regular monthly meetings.

This year the harvesters of West Bath had two reseeding events where we took local seed and redistributed it through the area. In addition, a conservation day was held to remove predatory worms from local flats. This was a highly successful event which we hope to expand upon in the future.



The Marine Resources Committee will continue to do random water quality testing as required by the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) with the Town Boat. These are done to identify any pollution sources so they can be corrected in a timely manner. This includes shoreline surveys which are done on a tri-annual basis. In addition, local testing is being conducted by Doug Alexander, Shellfish Warden with assistance by Adam Garland, Town Administrator.

West Bath is proud of our Marine Resources conservation efforts. We feel that our shellfish fisheries are important and implement our own sustainability program. The town's Shellfish Warden, Doug Alexander has been patrolling and monitoring the clam flats for illegal diggers. Feel free to contact Doug at 443-3114 or 504-1523 (cell) if you have any questions regarding clam digging or suspicious shoreline activity.

The Shellfish Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm from October to March and 7:00 pm from April to September. Please contact me at 443-4068 regarding surveys, harvesting, pollution or potential pollution problems, or with any shellfish questions in general. Also, please feel free to attend any of our committee meetings.

## Licenses issued in 2017:

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14 Resident Commercial  
3 Non-Resident Commercial  
1 Student  
40 Resident Recreational  
1 Non-Resident Recreational

## Committee Members:

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Warren Swanson, Chair  
Daley McNelly  
Paul Mateosian, Secretary  
Tim Davis  
Jason Cray  
David Morin, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,

*Warren Swanson*

Warren Swanson, Chairman

**Note: Maine Department of Marine Resources will be conducting a shoreline survey March 2018 through November 2018. For more information contact [tim.a.macmillan@maine.gov](mailto:tim.a.macmillan@maine.gov) or visit <http://www.maine.gov/dep/assistance/grants-loans/index.html> for more information**



# Planning Board Report

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Dear Townspeople of West Bath:

The Planning Board exists to encourage appropriate use of land within the Town of West Bath through regulations outlined in our ordinances. The Board consists of volunteers from the community, five (5) regular members and two (2) alternate members. A quorum of three (3) members is required to conduct a meeting. The documents used when conducting Planning Board business are the Land Use Ordinance and Development Review Ordinance. Copies are available at the Town Offices or online at [www.westbath.org](http://www.westbath.org)

The Planning Board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Additional meetings for ordinance work sessions are scheduled as needed throughout the year and special meetings to meet the needs of our residents and taxpayers that we see is best for the Town are posted in the Times Record and on the Town web site.

Work continues to bring West Bath's ordinances on par with adjacent communities, to become more aligned with the West Bath Comprehensive Plan and comply with the ever-changing State of Maine laws and mandates. These ordinance changes make West Bath a more competitive community for both business and residential projects.

This year we approved:

- 4 - new business applications
- 2 - 30% shore land expansions
- 1 - new subdivision
- 2 - subdivision amendments.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the Planning Board members.

You are always welcome and encouraged to attend any and all Planning Board meetings and workshops. Public input, support and awareness is an important element to the success of the Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rick Davis*

Planning Board Chair

Jim Williams, Vice Chair  
Wayne Renshaw  
Kathy Travis  
Jeremie Whorff  
Scott Andresen, Alternate  
Jay Paris, Alternate





# Recycling Committee Report

Dear Townspeople of West Bath:

We are delighted to serve on the new Recycling Committee for the town.

In the past year, we met three times and accomplished the following:

- We met with representatives of Pine Tree Waste and had a tour of the recycling facility to learn more about the recycling business and the company.
- We created and distributed the informational “rack card” shown on this page, detailing the specifics of the town’s single stream recycling program. These are available at the town hall. Additional information about trash disposal and unit waste pricing for mercury devices, batteries, CRT bulbs, electronics, and other similar items can be found on the town web site.
- We provided volunteer assistance at the hazardous waste disposal day (May 6, 2017) in Bath.

We plan to continue meeting quarterly and welcome new members.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth “Lib” Woodworth  
[libwoodworth@hotmail.com](mailto:libwoodworth@hotmail.com)

Roberta T. Jordan  
[jordanr5@comcast.net](mailto:jordanr5@comcast.net)

**West Bath Recycles**

**Single Stream Recycling.  
No sorting.  
It all goes together.**

**The Town provides free recycling pick-up.  
1st and 3rd Fridays of each month  
Please place recycling curbside by 7a.m.**

**What to include:**

- Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs
- Telephone & Soft Cover Books
- All Paper (staples & paper clips OK)
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Cardboard & Brown Paper Bags
- Household Plastic Containers #1 - #5
- Soda, Juice, Water Bottles (glass or plastic)
- Milk Jugs, Bleach, Detergent, Shampoo, etc.
- Food Containers (cottage cheese, yogurt, etc.)
- Glass Bottles & Jars (any color)
- Aluminum (pie plates, trays, foil)
- Metal Cans (tin, steel, aluminum)

**All recyclables need to be empty, clean,  
and non-hazardous**

**What not to include:**

No plastic bags, food liners, unmarked plastics (laundry baskets/chairs/toys), window glass/mirrors/light bulbs, dishes, pyrex, ceramics, foam packaging, styrofoam, hazardous materials or universal waste, recyclables containing food waste

**For more information:**

For other recycling opportunities please visit:  
<http://www.westbath.govoffice.com>

West Bath Town Office: 443-4342

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# Board of Directors, West Bath School Administrative Unit

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Greetings West Bath Neighbors,

The Board of Directors for the West Bath School Administrative Unit is proud of the quality education being delivered to our West Bath Students. It's hard to believe we're already coming into our fourth year as our own Administrative Unit. We are appreciative of the town's support through this transition.

Arguably, the greatest challenge to education this year has been the weather; from the freak five-day shut down due to October's wind storm to repeated late winter snow storms. The Board appreciates the understanding and flexibility everyone has given us as we creatively modified our school calendar. We must also acknowledge our staff, who volunteered to move a scheduled staff development day to a Saturday so we create an additional student day in its place.



There has been tremendous attention on administrative efficiency within our public schools. We're proud to say, the WBSAU ranks as the 18<sup>th</sup> most efficient school district in the State. The Board is very pleased with Superintendent Thompson's dedication to delivering high quality education as affordably as possible. That said, the Board remains committed to budgeting based on our needs and while remaining mindful of the increasing burdens put on local tax payers.



The Board would like to acknowledge and thank our students and staff for continuing to be positive ambassadors for West Bath. We all understand the investment our citizens make in our school and appreciate the responsibility that investment carries. We were proud to see our students delivering "acts of kindness" throughout the community on Valentine's Day.

We greatly appreciate 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher **Ms. Marco** taking the initiative to lead a successful fund-raising effort that brought new furniture to her classroom, at no expense to our tax payers and are grateful to the many faculty and staff who continuously seek out and write grants or organize fundraisers to further their programs and initiatives. We are elated to see **Mrs. Upham** continue to partner with the Bath Food Bank through food drives and by creating volunteer opportunities for our students and staff throughout the year. Collectively, we are offering more than a dozen clubs at WBS school, utilizing staff and community volunteers. These programs are providing our students with additional educational opportunities without adding additional costs to our community. In the spirit of delivering efficient education, we continue to have conversations and explore partnerships with neighboring school districts. The Board is committed to exploring new ways of doing things, so long as those partnerships focus on the best interest of our students and our tax payers.



We thank the community for continuing to invest in our school building. Through these investments, we've brought back shine to our floors, remove asbestos from our building, upgrade our security, brought in new classroom furniture, and improved our heating efficiency.

All of your investments in education are paying off. West Bath School continues to out-perform our neighboring districts on annual exams and our 6-12 students continue to be leaders in their schools of choice.

We recognize the financial impact public education has on our community. We thank our citizens for investing in our vision. In return, we pledge to remain solid stewards of that investment.

Respectfully,

*Keith Hinds*

Chair, WBSAU Board of Directors  
[khinds@westbathschool.org](mailto:khinds@westbathschool.org)



*West Bath School Staff Volunteer at the Bath Food Bank*

# Winnegance River Herring Commission

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The 2017 harvest saw an increase of bushels harvested from 93 bushels in 2016 to 239 bushels.

The Winnegance River Herring Commission (W.R.H.C.) received a check in the amount of \$1,195.00 from harvester Greg Gilliam.

W.R.H.C. had \$2,287.86 in the checking account and \$11,717.77 in the savings account as of February 1, 2018.

The Department of Marine Resources has been monitoring the condition of the water in Winnegance Lake for over a year and the test results have been very similar with each test.

The tests show too much salt content and not enough oxygen in the lake. We are currently looking at ways to decrease the salt level which is increasing as the high tide level increases. As for the low oxygen level in the lake, there is not much we can do at this point but we will continue to study the overall conditions of the lake.

The current members of the W.R.H.C. are as follows:

Bath:	Lori Benson and Terry Nordmann
Phippsburg:	Brett Gilliam and Peter Roberts
West Bath:	Jon Davis and David Hennessey

Respectfully Submitted,  
*David Hennessey*  
West Bath Representative

# Town Administrator's Report

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Another year has come and gone and we find ourselves heading towards another Annual Town Meeting (May 29, 2018 at 6pm held at the West Bath School). Below you will find a few points of interest as well as a brief overview of the FY2018-2019 proposed budget.

**Budget:** In an effort to deliver Town services in the most fiscally responsible manner town staff, the Board of Selectmen, School Board and Budget Advisory Committee have all worked together to compile a responsible and efficient budget. This year the proposed FY2018-2019 breaks down as follows:

	FY2017-2018	FY2018-2019	Difference
Town	\$1,049,032	\$1,087,590	\$38,558
School	\$3,098,611	\$3,146,286	\$47,675
County	\$651,876	\$660,349	\$8,473
Total	\$4,799,519	\$4,899,225	\$94,706

Please note, the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Advisory Committee are in agreement with the entire proposed FY 2018-2019 budget.

**First Year with New Plow Contractors for Town Roads and Parking Lots:** The 2017-2018 winter was the first year with the Town's new plowing contractors. Town Roads were plowed by Goodall Landscaping Incorporated and the Town Parking Lots were plowed by DTB Snowplowing. Both contracts are a three-year contract ending in 2020. Both the roads and parking lots appeared well taken care of by both contractors. I am happy to report that public feedback was overwhelmingly positive regarding the jobs done by these contractors this year.

**October 2017 Storm:** As many of you will clearly recall the wind storm experienced by Maine in October this past year brought many challenges to not only the State but the Town of West Bath. I want to take a moment to again thank the West Bath Fire Department as well as the Road Commissioner for their quick responses the Monday of this storm. Working together Town roads were made passable for emergency vehicles before the end of the day. Throughout the week the Fire Department worked hard not only responding to calls for service related to the storm but also took the time to personally check on many of West Bath's citizens who were impacted by this storm. Though this storm had a financial impact to the Town for clean up and repairs the Town can apply for financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) due to the State disaster declaration. Currently the Town is working with FEMA to apply for this financial assistance.

**New Cemetery Committee:** This past year it came to the attention of the Town that many of the old cemeteries within Town needed attention. To address this issue the Selectmen created a new Cemetery Committee this past year to aid in documenting/mapping/maintaining many of the Town's old cemeteries. If this is something that interests you please reach out for further information. Of course, many other committees in Town are also looking for volunteers so please feel free to reach out if you are interested.

If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at the Town Office or by email, [townadministrator@westbath.org](mailto:townadministrator@westbath.org) or simply just stop in anytime.

Sincerely,

*Adam Garland*

West Bath Town Administrator



# Animal Control Officer's Report

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Another year has passed and I would like to thank all of the responsible pet owners for registering and vaccinating your pets. Note that cats are also required by the state to be vaccinated against rabies. Our annual rabies clinic with Sunray Animal Clinic is held the first Saturday in December and allows both dogs and cats to be vaccinated for rabies and microchipped, along with dog licensing for the coming year.

Dogs at large continue to be an issue. Please be mindful of your neighbors when your dogs are out. I have received a dramatic rise in calls dealing with foxes this year. The fox and coyote populations are thriving. Be mindful of your outside cats.

The estimated stats for cats and dog collisions with vehicles is: 4  
(Additional unreported incidents may have occurred.)

Relocated skunks:	9	Relocated raccoons:	7
Mange fox:	4	Reported strange acting fox:	5

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns,

*Todd Stead*

Animal Control Officer

## DOG REGISTRATIONS

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In addition to rabies vaccinations, all dogs 6 months or older are required to be registered by the Town. Licenses expire annually on December 31<sup>st</sup> and must be renewed by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Licenses paid on or after February 1<sup>st</sup> will be charged an additional \$25.00 late fee. Tags are available beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> and registration can be done online at [www.maine.gov](http://www.maine.gov) until the deadline.



*Karly Perry*

Town Clerk, West Bath

# Assessor's Report

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Date of Commitment: September 19, 2017

## **TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATION**

Real Estate	\$ 366,565,405
Personal Property	+ 5,106,209
Total Taxable Valuation	<u>\$ 371,671,614</u>

Homestead Exemption and BETE	
Reimbursement Valuation	+ 5,555,891
Total Valuation Base	<u>\$ 377,227,505</u>

## **APPROPRIATIONS**

County Tax	\$ 651,876
Municipal	+ 1,184,766
Education	+ 3,098,611
Total Appropriation	<u>\$ 4,935,253</u>

## **REVENUES**

Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 61,965
Other Revenues (Excise, MDOT, others)	+ 682,675
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 744,640</u>

## **ASSESSMENT**

Total Taxable Valuation	\$ 377,227,505
Mil Rate of .0112% (commonly referred to as 11.2)	x .0112
Tax Commitment	<u>\$ 4,224,948</u>

## **OVERLAY**

Tax Commitment	\$ 4,162,222
Homestead Reimbursement	+ 54,544
BETE Reimbursement	+ 7,682
Total	<u>\$ 4,224,448</u>

Total Appropriation	\$ 4,935,253
Total Revenue to Reduce Commitment	- 744,640
Net Raised by Property Tax	<u>\$ 4,190,613</u>

Total Commitment + Homestead and BETE Reimbursement	\$ 4,224,948
Net raised by property tax	- 4,190,613
Overlay (1.8% of the Net Raised by Property Tax)	<u>\$ 34,335</u>

Respectfully submitted,

*Ronald Beal*

Assessor



***WILLIAM H. BREWER***

*Certified Public Accountant*

*858 Washington Street*

*P.O. Box 306*

*Bath, Maine 04530*

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*(207) 443-9759*

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Town of West Bath School Board  
West Bath School Department  
126 New Meadows Road  
West Bath, Maine 04530

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Town of West Bath School Department, a department of the Town of West Bath, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the school's basic financial statements, as listed in the Table of Contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Town of West Bath School Department as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on Exhibit C and Schedule B-1 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of West Bath School Department's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and statistical section, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Reconciliation of Audit Adjustments to NEO Financial System is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Maine Department of Education, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The fund financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Reconciliation of Audit Adjustments to NEO Financial System are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the fund financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and the Reconciliation of Audit Adjustments to NEO Financial System are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements of the Town of West Bath School Department are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows of only that portion of governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of West Bath that is attributable to the transactions of the School Department. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the Town of West Bath as of June 30, 2017, the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

October 20, 2017

Bath, Maine

***WILLIAM H. BREWER***

*Certified Public Accountant*

*858 Washington Street*

*P.O. Box 306*

*Bath, Maine 04530*

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*(207) 443-9759*

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Board of Selectmen  
Town of West Bath  
219 Foster's Point Road  
West Bath, Maine 04530

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of West Bath, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of West Bath as of June 30, 2017 and 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of West Bath's basic financial statements. The introductory section and combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

October 18, 2017

Bath, Maine

## Codes Enforcement Officer's Report

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Total permits issued January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017: 54  
(increase of 6 permits from 2016)      Total fees: \$8,432.30

<u>Type of occupancy for which permits were issued</u>		<u>District in which permits were issued</u>	
Dwelling	7	Summer colony	2
Commercial	3	Commercial	3
Farm or outbuilding (shed)	5	Residential	8
Garage	8	Rural Residential	11
New residence created	5	Rural residential shore land	25
Deck	7		
New structure	7		
Alterations	8		
Demolitions	2		
Docks and floats	2		

Respectfully submitted,

*Ellis Reed*

Codes Enforcement Officer

## Plumbing Inspector's Report

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Plumbing permits issued January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Internal plumbing	8
External plumbing	13
<u>Seasonal conversion</u>	<u>0</u>
Total issued	21
Total pending	0
<u>Amount of fees:</u>	
Total collected	\$4190.30
<u>Total sent to state (1/4 of septic permits)</u>	<u>1,042.50</u>
Total retained by town	\$3,147.80

Respectfully submitted,

*Ellis Reed*

Plumbing Inspector

# Fire Chief's Report

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Dear Citizens of West Bath,

The members of the West Bath Fire Department have been busy at work for yet another year providing firefighting and first responder services to the town and surrounding mutual aid towns. Our dedicated members have spent countless hours training, responding to calls, and interacting with those in our community.

Training is an important foundation of our department. Firefighters and EMT's spend a minimum of two nights per month learning new skills and improving on current skills in addition to other trainings throughout the year to complete required certifications and gain more in-depth knowledge to perform their duties to the best of their abilities. Also, there are opportunities for live training burns at various times with donated properties which provide an invaluable experience for our members.



The storm that hit our area on October 30, 2017 and caused widespread damage presented a challenge for our department. The members were willing and able to step up to the challenge and help the citizens of West Bath in their desperate times of need. It was a multiple day response effort that included damage assessment, traffic control, alarm responses, car accidents, and a mutual aid response to a fire in Brunswick. For the duration of the power outage, we had apparatus on the roads each and every day assisting citizens and checking on their welfare until full power restoration in our entire community. We would like to thank Town Administrator Adam Garland for his unwavering support during this time.

We would like to stress the importance of an issue that we are facing while responding to calls in our town. It is imperative that your house is visibly marked so that the first responders can locate you as quickly as possible while you are experiencing a medical emergency; this is often the only way that we can identify our intended destination. It is recommended that your house numbers are a minimum of 3 to 6 inches tall, a half an inch thickness, a color that contrasts with the background of your home's exterior, and clearly visible. It is helpful to have a marking at the end of your driveway as well if your house isn't visible from the road. Please contact us if you need assistance with making this happen at your residence.

As always, please remember these important safety tips: install smoke detectors on every level of the home and in all sleeping areas, test your smoke detectors on a monthly basis, change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks for daylight savings time, have an escape plan and practice it, choose a meeting place a safe distance away from your home, and never go back inside a burning building.

Finally, as a department, we would like to thank our community and town administrators for their continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Jonathan Beane*

Chief Jonathan Beane



## Shellfish Warden's Report

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It was a pleasure to serve the citizens of West Bath as your shellfish warden.

**In 2017, I checked the following:**

**89 commercial harvesters**

**317 bushels of shellfish**

**145 marine worm diggers**

Your shellfish harvesters work hard to keep the waters clean and the trash picked up around the shore and landings.

Please call my cell phone: (207) 504-1523 with any questions and/or complaints.  
*For automated information on closures, call the Red Tide Hotline at 1-800-232-4733.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Doug Alexander*

Shellfish Warden

## Harbor Master's Report

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Here we are, and another boating season nears. Moorings are still \$10 and by ordinance no more than two moorings allowed. Remember moorings are to be maintained properly and registered with the town every year before use.

**Total West Bath Moorings: 366**

**New Moorings in 2017: 15**

Remember your wake when you are boating, it is common courtesy on the water.  
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Have a safe season,

*Joseph Vaillancourt*

Harbor Master

# Health Officer's Report

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Hello,

My name is Benjamin Huebler, the new Health Officer for the Town of West Bath. I recently took the role in November 2017. I was born and raised in Bath and live there now with my family. I look forward to serving the community further in this position.

Recently, this flu season has been all over the news and continues to rise, even into March the flu is still widespread. It is important to remember that some of the best ways to fight the flu are through prevention which includes vaccination, frequent hand washing, covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing, and staying home if you or a family member are sick.



Also coming up, information will start being distributed on the ticks as every year the numbers continue to rise. I'm planning on attending a State lecture on this in the coming month to gain information to bring back to our community.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at [bjnhuebler@gmail.com](mailto:bjnhuebler@gmail.com) or by calling (207) 319-4498.

Thank you and have a safe and happy 2018!

Sincerely

*Benjamin Huebler*

Health Officer

# Superintendent's Report

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Dear Citizens of West Bath,

While we are only two-thirds of the way through our school year at the time of this letter, I am pleased to have this opportunity to simultaneously reflect upon the successes of our year, while looking forward to all that is still to come.

The West Bath School is deep within the credentialing process with EL Education (formerly expeditionary Learning), enroute to becoming one of the three dozen schools across the nation that is “certified” as an EL Education school. In Expeditionary Learning Schools, success is measured in three ways: through the mastery of knowledge and skills, through the development of student character and leadership, and through the creation and production of high-quality work. We are assembling a portfolio of 9 claims with 27 sets of evidence, and look forward to sharing it with the EL Education Board of Directors and the general public this summer.

Once again, West Bath students continue to consistently exceed state proficiency averages and outperform all neighboring school districts in reading, math, and science, as measured by the annual state assessment. This year's reading proficiency rate was in the top 20% of the state, math proficiency was in the top 25% of the state, and science proficiency was in the top 15% of the state.



We are grateful for continued community partnerships that have helped to support our students' academic and social emotional growth over the past year. The boat shop at Maine Maritime Museum continues to work with our 5th grade students weekly, encouraging authentic math and science skills, as well as developing students' understanding of the history of boat building here in our community and developing important mentoring opportunities between residents and our students. The Chewonki Foundation remains an important part of our students' learning experience during their fifth grade year as well, supporting citizen scientist work on human ecology and environmental systems, and supporting the developing of team building and survival skills. The Kennebec Estuary Land Trust and the Damariscotta River Association have both supported several of our grade level expeditions and are instrumental in the success of our nature-based programming. The Birch Point Village Corporation included the West Bath

School in its' 100th anniversary celebration, and invited our students to march in the parade with the skiffs they had built last spring. Finally, the West Bath Historical Society donated \$400 to the school to support the fresh fruits and vegetable portion of the school's backpack program, which helps to eliminate food insecurity. We could not have been more appreciative of this donation, and look forward to working with the Historical Society in the future to find other ways that the school and group can work together.

With our strong focus on character education, we aim to give back to our communities as much as we receive, and have worked on building the capacity of our students to become community stewards. Students have made commitments to kindness and compassion, and have taken part in ongoing acts of kindness around the community, and have continued with long-standing service partnerships, such as with the Bath Area Food Pantry. Our students have also investigated ways to make a global difference, supporting others internationally through kiva.org and raising and donating \$400 to support the rebuilding of USVI through All Hands and Hearts NGO.



Our staff continues to make a positive difference in our school, community, and around the nation. In addition to all that our faculty does for students during the day, several staff members have been offering club activities on their own time to provide opportunities and enrich our students' lives. A sampling of these clubs include a walking group, yoga club, entrepreneur club, crew leadership team, Battle of the Books,

# Superintendent's Report

Reactors Theater Group, dance club, homework club, and Garden Club. Additionally, Mr. Schulz and Mrs. Jarvis presented at this year's EL National Conference in Chicago, sharing their work about Building Character Through Mindfulness. Mrs. White, Mrs. Beal, Mrs. Franklin, Miss Marco, and Mr. Schulz have all been recognized as Sea Dog Teachers of Appreciation. Additionally, I am pleased to announce that our own Mr. Schulz has been nominated as Maine Teacher of the Year!

New this year, as part of our mid-year review of our annual goals, we surveyed our students at the school, in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 12th grade to learn from them how their West Bath education is making a positive change in their lives and where we can continue to improve. We asked our alumni, what they carried with them



from their education at West Bath School as they traveled through middle and high school. The words from our students are perhaps the strongest indicator that the work we do as a school, and as a West Bath community, is making a real difference.

- West Bath really promoted good character and being self-aware of our actions, promoting the positive and addressing the negative in ways that were constructive and open for apologies as well as self improvement. This helped me learn that making mistakes are okay, but that I have the responsibility to amend any hurt feelings and fix any damage or harm caused by my mistakes, or to ask for help if it be an academic mistake. I also felt welcomed and cared for by all of the faculty which really helped me enjoy school. Although school most certainly got more challenging, enjoying school through elementary levels set me up to really apply myself and care about my education in later grades when it was increasingly important. I'm glad I was in an elementary school where the arts were encouraged: visual, musical, and theatrical. They all played a role in shaping who I am today, and even if I do not currently engage in all three, I treasure my experiences with them and what they all taught me. And I thank West Bath school for offering and encouraging exploration them. I definitely would not be who I am today or be doing what I am doing today if I hadn't had the opportunity to explore those kinds of art in elementary school. (Sarah, grade 12)

- One thing that I learned at West Bath and still carry with me today is to always try to be kind and help others. This lesson has been focused on for so long, especially at West Bath, that is something that I do subconsciously. (Fionna, grade 8)
- The school's strength is the code of character, which helped me to become a better person and persevere through hard things. Another strength is EL because it helped me realize that I have a voice and that your voice and opinion matters. It also had lots of hands on learning experiences that helped many of us learn, and they had a wide range of ways to learn that connected to every kind of student, not just one that is a visual learner or a reading/writing kind of learner. (Audrey, grade 8)
- During my time at West Bath School, I saw myself grow as a citizen by how I improved my motivation to help the community, school, and world. I helped motivate a group of girls to plant a tree with me for West Bath School by the playground to help the environment as well as providing other benefits for the students and teachers. I was encouraged to do this from our learning about the environment and climate change in class for an expedition, as well as inspiration to try to be helpful to the community from similar activities at school. (Isabel, grade 8)
- Our Code of Character is important because it is a list of traits that everyone should know and do. If the whole world followed our Code of Character, the world would be a lot kinder. (Ren, grade 4)
- At West Bath School, there is something special about everyone. Everyone has their own special thing, that is just about them. (Jack, grade 1).
- The best thing about West Bath School is that we have a twisty slide on the playground. (Stella, Kindergarten)

**We hope to see all of you at our annual end of year events, including our spring concert in the field, the Celebration of Learning and our 5th Grade Boat Launch! Please be on the lookout for public invitations**

On behalf of the West Bath School staff, students, and School Board of Directors, I'd like to sincerely thank the parents of West Bath and of the extended West Bath School community for the continued support of our wonderful school. This is a tremendous community to be a part of!

Respectfully submitted,

*Emily Thompson*

West Bath School Principal

West Bath School Administrative Unit Superintendent



# Treasurer's Report

**July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017**

## **YEAR END BALANCE: RESOURCES**

PETTY CASH	\$300.00	
ANDROSCOGGIN SCHOOL LUNCH	\$16.18	
ANDROSCOGGIN SAVINGS CHECKING	\$825,749.04	
BATH SAVINGS GEN FUND CD's	\$216,702.62	
ANDROSCOGGIN SAVINGS GEN FUND CD	\$1,515,236.76	
PORTLAND TRUST CO	\$500,200.62	
MDOT ESCROW	\$50,000.00	
<b>Year End Balance:</b>		<b>\$3,108,205.22</b>

## **REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY TAX REVENUES**

REAL ESTATE TAXES 2017 (Prepayments)	\$6,911.74	
REAL ESTATE TAXES 2016	\$3,659,194.12	
TAX LIENED PROPERTY 2015 AND OLDER	\$147,635.15	
<b>TOTAL TAX REVENUE:</b>		<b>\$3,813,741.01</b>

## **GENERAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

AGENT FEES	\$9,382.75	
PLUMBING PERMITS	\$2,896.95	
BUILDING PERMITS	\$7,665.10	
PLANNING BOARD	\$2,036.95	
SHELLFISH CONSERVATION	\$5,593.50	
BOUNCED CHECK FEES	\$70.00	
FINES	\$100.00	
DEATH, BIRTH, MARRIAGES	\$1,912.60	
MDOT ROAD ASSISTANCE	\$23,690.00	
MOORING FEES	\$2,685.00	
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE INCLUDES		
FORECLOSURE SALE	\$100,886.16	
EXCISE TAX	\$449,736.35	
BOAT EXCISE TAX	\$8,415.20	
FRANCHISE FEE	\$26,022.37	
SNOWMOBILE REFUND	\$357.48	
VETERANS REIMBURSEMENT	\$1,267.00	
INTEREST INCOME	\$9,095.96	
TRANSFER STATION RENT	\$46,800.00	
TRANSFER STATION FEES	\$63,879.56	
SALT SHED RENT	\$3,575.00	
INTEREST ON TAXES	\$18,094.58	
LIEN FEES	\$3,197.67	
STATE REVENUE SHARING	\$52,371.83	
TREE GROWTH & BETE REIMBURSEMENT	\$11,652.85	
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	\$37,561.50	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES:</b>		<b>\$888,946.36</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL REVENUES:</b>		<b>\$4,702,687.37</b>



# Treasurer's Report

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES

FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS	\$71,967.41
FIRE DEPARTMENT INCENTIVE	\$18,402.82
FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL	\$0.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$333,442.41
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIPS	\$100,316.01
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS	\$73,765.03
PUBLIC WORKS	\$332,940.51
SALT SHED	\$17,932.90
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	\$40,508.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$910.75
HARBORS AND WATERWAYS/MARINE RESOURCES	\$32,263.88
SOLID WASTE RECYCLING CENTER/COMMITTEE	\$11,302.94
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE	\$2,100.00
COUNTY TAX	\$626,193.00
EDUCATION	\$3,040,981.27

**\$4,703,026.93**

**TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES:**

## CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Frank J Fowler	\$284.27
Ruth F Coombs	\$688.90
Fred D Winter	\$301.02
Martha D Oliver	\$220.20
Odie M Rich	\$516.11
Lee Brothers	\$566.24

**\$2,576.74**

**TOTAL CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS:**

## TRUST FUND

Marietta T Atwood Memorial

**\$1,650.40**

**TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:**

**\$4,227.14**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Julia M. House*  
Treasurer/Tax Collector





TOWN OF WEST BATH  
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION		
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	2017 TOTALS
						2016 TOTALS
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
Education	\$ 3,341,232.87	\$ -	\$ 404,853.02	\$ (2,936,379.85)	\$ -	\$ (2,444,780.56)
General Government	464,052.01	20,072.54		(443,979.47)	(443,979.47)	(429,901.66)
Protection	203,073.05		2,382.00	(200,691.05)	(200,691.05)	(194,992.35)
Health, Sanitation, and Community Support	39,836.94	114,579.56		74,742.62	74,742.62	58,471.39
Public Works	392,427.41	3,923.27	23,690.00	(364,814.14)	(364,814.14)	(339,443.37)
Special Assessment	626,193.00			(626,193.00)	(626,193.00)	(627,093.00)
Unclassified	18,846.02	186,078.73		167,232.71	167,232.71	75,747.58
Intergovernmental on Behalf Payments	91,893.92		91,893.92			(12,182.22)
Note Payments - Interest		\$ 324,654.10	\$ 522,818.94	\$ (4,330,082.18)	\$ -	\$ (3,914,174.19)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 5,177,555.22					
Business-Type Activities:						
School Lunch Program	98,056.05	52,468.17	30,000.00	(4,330,082.18)	(15,587.88)	34,865.58
Total Primary Government	\$ 5,275,611.27	\$ 377,122.27	\$ 552,818.94	\$ (4,330,082.18)	\$ (15,587.88)	\$ (3,879,308.61)
General Revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property Taxes				\$ 3,779,353.83	\$ -	\$ 3,851,351.07
Homestead Reimbursement				37,561.50		25,481.00
Excise Taxes				446,600.00		360,000.00
Intergovernmental				61,283.00		52,232.24
Interest and Investment Earnings				10,053.66		6,874.96
Loss on Disposal of Assets				(43,058.00)		
RSU #1 Settlement						102,622.00
Total General Revenues				\$ 4,291,793.99	\$ -	\$ 4,398,561.27
Changes in Net Position						
Other Changes in Net Position:				\$ (38,288.19)	\$ (15,587.88)	\$ (53,876.07)
Transfer In - School Assets						167,052.00
Net Position, July 1				6,568,255.33	34,865.58	5,916,816.25
Net Position, June 30				\$ 6,529,967.14	\$ 19,277.70	\$ 6,603,120.91

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES  
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Restricted for:		
Capital Projects (Schedule A-14)	\$ 970,694.98	\$ 19,970.99
Other Purposes (Schedule A-4)	572,966.09	1,786,326.61
Unrestricted (Schedule A-3)	1,103,824.77	701,119.51
Total Governmental Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,647,485.84</u>	<u>\$ 2,507,417.11</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	3,858,673.59	3,951,730.59
Deferred outflows are deferred as expense in the fund financial statements and in the government-wide financial statements as expense in the year following the year paid.	300,317.17	88,998.43
Pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and therefore is not reported in the funds.	(326,986.00)	(72,752.00)
Property taxes not collected within the sixty days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements the revenue is income in the year it is assessed.	129,937.24	165,020.78
Deferred inflows are deferred revenues related to pension expenses that are amortized in the government-wide financial statements.	(60,183.00)	(37,294.00)
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	<u><u>\$ 6,549,244.84</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,603,120.91</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
BALANCE SHEETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			
	GENERAL	CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS	2017 TOTALS	2016 TOTALS
ASSETS:				
Cash	\$ 2,558,004.60	\$ 550,200.61	\$ 3,108,205.21	\$ 2,703,804.03
Accounts Receivable	27,573.83		27,573.83	222,387.24
Taxes Receivable	138,138.23		138,138.23	149,948.06
Tax Liens	49,705.44		49,705.44	68,291.07
Tax Acquired Property	7,521.30		7,521.30	13,319.87
Due From Other Funds	30,029.01	450,523.38	480,552.39	30,029.01
School Lunch Inventory	2,422.64		2,422.64	2,041.74
Prepaid Expenses	36,830.00		36,830.00	97,372.75
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,850,225.05</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,723.99</u>	<u>\$ 3,850,949.04</u>	<u>\$ 3,287,193.77</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE:				
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,902.03	\$ -	\$ 8,902.03	\$ 3,619.26
Deferred Excise Taxes	450,156.36		450,156.36	446,636.95
Deferred Revenue (Note F)	16,283.74		16,283.74	25,847.51
Deferred Tax Revenue (Note G)	129,937.24		129,937.24	165,020.78
Due To Other Funds	450,523.38	30,029.01	480,552.39	30,029.01
School Summer Wage Accrual	117,631.44		117,631.44	108,623.15
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,173,434.19</u>	<u>\$ 30,029.01</u>	<u>\$ 1,203,463.20</u>	<u>\$ 779,776.66</u>
Fund Balance:				
Committed for Capital Projects (Note E)	\$ -	\$ 970,694.98	\$ 970,694.98	\$ 19,970.99
Assigned for Other Purposes (Note E)	572,966.09		572,966.09	1,786,326.61
Unassigned	1,103,824.77		1,103,824.77	701,119.51
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,676,790.86</u>	<u>\$ 970,694.98</u>	<u>\$ 2,647,485.84</u>	<u>\$ 2,507,417.11</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,850,225.05</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,723.99</u>	<u>\$ 3,850,949.04</u>	<u>\$ 3,287,193.77</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Unappropriated Surplus, July 1, 2016		\$ 701,119.51
INCREASE:		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed (Net) (Schedule A-4)	\$ 367,621.72	
Decrease in Deferred Taxes	<u>35,083.54</u>	
		<u>402,705.26</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, June 30, 2017		<u><u>\$ 1,103,824.77</u></u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS  
JUNE 30, 2017

	BALANCE FORWARD 7/1/16	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 6/30/17
<b>EDUCATION:</b>										
Common School	\$ 472,313.89	\$ 2,897,177.00	\$ 318,054.06	\$ 169,267.13	\$ 3,856,812.08	\$ 3,040,981.27	\$ 378,595.77	\$ 3,419,577.04	\$ -	\$ 437,235.04
Common School Capital	8,219.36				8,219.36		8,219.36	8,219.36		
	<u>\$ 480,533.25</u>	<u>\$ 2,897,177.00</u>	<u>\$ 318,054.06</u>	<u>\$ 169,267.13</u>	<u>\$ 3,865,031.44</u>	<u>\$ 3,040,981.27</u>	<u>\$ 386,815.13</u>	<u>\$ 3,427,796.40</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 437,235.04</u>
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>										
Selectmen's Contingency	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -
Insurance and Benefits		117,645.00	3,249.72	128.08	121,022.80	110,597.33	300.00	110,897.33	10,125.47	
Municipal Operations		84,967.00	8.91	2,874.63	87,850.54	73,765.03		73,765.03	14,085.51	
Officers' Salaries		222,987.00			222,987.00	222,545.08		222,545.08	441.92	
Planning Board	4,870.11		2,036.95		6,907.06	1,486.48		1,486.48	5,420.58	
Tree Growth Reimbursement			4,958.85		4,958.85		4,500.00	4,500.00	458.85	
General Assistance	20,860.99		121.40		20,982.39	1,623.47		1,623.47	19,358.92	
Board of Assessment		500.00			500.00	205.00		205.00	295.00	
Board of Appeals		330.00			330.00				330.00	
Legal Services		25,000.00			25,000.00	13,568.05		13,568.05	11,431.95	
Capital Improvements		10,000.00			10,026.25	10,026.25		10,026.25		
Homestead	26.25				37,561.50	166.00		60,561.50	(23,000.00)	
BETE Reimbursement				37,561.50	6,694.00			8,150.14	(1,456.14)	
Business and Economic Development	3,186.96			6,694.00	3,186.96	640.00		640.00		2,546.96
Wing Industrial Park	5,941.19				5,941.19	1,867.19		1,867.19		4,074.00
RSU #1	877,622.00				877,622.00		877,622.00	877,622.00		
	<u>\$ 912,507.50</u>	<u>\$ 466,429.00</u>	<u>\$ 10,375.83</u>	<u>\$ 47,258.21</u>	<u>\$ 1,436,570.54</u>	<u>\$ 426,463.63</u>	<u>\$ 960,993.89</u>	<u>\$ 1,387,457.52</u>	<u>\$ 23,133.14</u>	<u>\$ 25,979.88</u>
<b>PROTECTION:</b>										
Animal Control	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,297.99	\$ -	\$ 1,297.99	\$ 1,102.01	\$ -
Ambulance		55,000.00			55,000.00	52,301.83		52,301.83	2,698.17	
Hydrant Rental		27,160.00			27,160.00	27,160.00		27,160.00		
Fire Department - Operations	38,931.70	74,655.00	2,382.00		115,968.70	71,967.41		71,967.41	41,701.29	2,300.00
Fire Department - Incentives	2.82	18,400.00			18,402.82	18,402.82		18,402.82		
Fire Department - Capital Equipment Fund	39,655.77	15,000.00			54,655.77		54,655.77	54,655.77		
	<u>\$ 78,590.29</u>	<u>\$ 192,615.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,382.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 273,587.29</u>	<u>\$ 171,130.05</u>	<u>\$ 54,655.77</u>	<u>\$ 225,785.82</u>	<u>\$ 45,501.47</u>	<u>\$ 2,300.00</u>
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:</b>										
County Tax	\$ -	\$ 626,193.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 626,193.00	\$ 626,193.00	\$ -	\$ 626,193.00	\$ -	\$ -
Overlay		56,766.44			56,766.44	1,976.75	5,307.39	7,284.14	49,482.30	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 682,959.44</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 682,959.44</u>	<u>\$ 628,169.75</u>	<u>\$ 5,307.39</u>	<u>\$ 633,477.14</u>	<u>\$ 49,482.30</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS  
JUNE 30, 2017

	BALANCE FORWARD 7/1/16	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	TOTAL	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 6/30/17
<b>HEALTH, SANITATION, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT:</b>										
Community Agencies	\$ -	\$ 8,599.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,599.00	\$ 8,599.00	\$ -	\$ 8,599.00	\$ -	\$ -
Patten Free Library		31,909.00			31,909.00	31,909.00		31,909.00		
Transfer Station - Rent	58,657.29		50,700.00		109,357.29		105,457.29	105,457.29	3,900.00	
Transfer Station Tip Fees			63,879.56		63,879.56		45,000.00	45,000.00	18,879.56	
Solid Waste/Recycling Committee Expense		1,200.00			1,200.00			121.70	1,078.30	
Solid Waste Disposal - Recycling		11,750.00			11,750.00			11,181.24	568.76	
	<u>\$ 58,657.29</u>	<u>\$ 53,458.00</u>	<u>\$ 114,579.56</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 226,694.85</u>	<u>\$ 51,810.94</u>	<u>\$ 150,457.29</u>	<u>\$ 202,268.23</u>	<u>\$ 24,426.62</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>PUBLIC WORKS:</b>										
Salt Capital Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 17,932.90	\$ -	\$ 17,932.90	\$ -	\$ 47,067.10
General Roads	79,418.73	132,700.00		348.27	212,467.00	52,129.20	3,020.00	55,149.20	157,317.80	
Snow Removal		147,480.00			147,480.00	147,480.00		147,480.00		
MDOT Local Road Assistance	1,648.00		23,690.00		25,338.00		20,000.00	20,000.00		5,338.00
Roads - Capital Projects	129,500.54	158,000.00			287,500.54	132,939.76	129,500.54	262,440.30		25,060.24
Salt Shed		750.00	3,575.00		4,325.00	391.55	3,300.00	3,691.55	633.45	
	<u>\$ 210,567.27</u>	<u>\$ 438,930.00</u>	<u>\$ 27,265.00</u>	<u>\$ 65,348.27</u>	<u>\$ 742,110.54</u>	<u>\$ 350,873.41</u>	<u>\$ 155,820.54</u>	<u>\$ 506,693.95</u>	<u>\$ 157,951.25</u>	<u>\$ 77,465.34</u>
<b>UNCLASSIFIED:</b>										
Supplemental Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,131.00	\$ 3,131.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,131.00	\$ -
Plumbing and Building Inspection			8,860.80		8,860.80		3,500.00	3,500.00	5,360.80	
Miscellaneous			112,392.32		113,206.09	910.75	78,375.00	79,285.75	33,920.34	
Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterways	45,471.01		16,778.70	813.77	62,249.71	15,763.88	16,500.00	32,263.88		29,985.83
Interest and Charges on Taxes			21,210.77		21,210.77	71.39	4,800.00	4,871.39	16,339.38	
Cemetery Maintenance		2,100.00			2,100.00	2,100.00		2,100.00		
Interest on Cash Accounts			9,853.05		9,853.05		4,500.00	4,500.00	5,353.05	
Cable TV Franchise			26,022.37		26,022.37		23,000.00	23,000.00	3,022.37	
	<u>\$ 45,471.01</u>	<u>\$ 2,100.00</u>	<u>\$ 195,118.01</u>	<u>\$ 3,944.77</u>	<u>\$ 246,633.79</u>	<u>\$ 18,846.02</u>	<u>\$ 130,675.00</u>	<u>\$ 149,521.02</u>	<u>\$ 67,126.94</u>	<u>\$ 29,985.83</u>
	<u>\$ 1,786,326.61</u>	<u>\$ 4,733,668.44</u>	<u>\$ 667,774.46</u>	<u>\$ 285,818.38</u>	<u>\$ 7,473,587.89</u>	<u>\$ 4,688,275.07</u>	<u>\$ 1,844,725.01</u>	<u>\$ 6,533,000.08</u>	<u>\$ 367,621.72</u>	<u>\$ 572,966.09</u>



TOWN OF WEST BATH  
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Cash on Hand		\$	300.00
Androscoggin Savings Bank:			
Balance Per Bank Statement	\$	601,406.78	
Add: Deposits in Transit		1,952.54	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks		(42,940.85)	
Balance Per Books			560,418.47
Androscoggin Savings Bank:			
School Lunch			16.18
Bath Savings Institution:			
Certificate of Deposit - General Fund			216,702.62
Androscoggin Savings Bank:			
ICS Savings - General Fund			1,515,236.76
MDOT Escrow:			
Wing Farm			50,000.00
Androscoggin Savings Bank:			
School Sweep			265,330.57
Portland Trust Co.:			
Money Market			200.61
Portland Trust Co.:			
Certificate of Deposit			500,000.00
Cash Balance, June 30, 2017			<u><u>\$ 3,108,205.21</u></u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
2016	\$ 114,572.12	\$ -
2015	2,223.82	127,864.98
2014	1,965.48	2,417.08
2013	756.14	934.64
2012	690.46	733.48
2011	780.82	798.61
2010	614.51	632.03
2009	583.17	599.80
2008	3,732.75	3,748.48
2007	4,301.50	4,301.50
2006	7,193.76	7,193.76
2005	520.86	520.86
2004	131.84	131.84
2003	71.00	71.00
	<u><u>\$ 138,138.23</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 149,948.06</u></u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
2016 TAXES RECEIVABLE  
JUNE 30, 2017

2016 Real Estate

120 Brighams Cove Road LLC	\$ 5,154.06
Babine, Shawn	139.74
Babine, Shawn	204.00
Babine, Shawn A.	227.46
Barbosa, Shawnda	4,156.92
Belanger, Linda M.	1,375.98
Berry, Kevin	1,306.62
Bertrand, Jared	1,791.77
Bisson, Barbara E.	1,204.42
Bonzagni, LLC	4,005.54
Burnette, Kenneth & Laurie	545.70
Calkin, Arthur L. & Judith	631.38
Carver, John E. & Cynthia C.	2,471.46
Emero, Thomas	9.44
Francisco, Peter W.	255.00
Francisco, Peter W.	55.08
Fraser Enterprises, Inc.	11.97
Gilbert, James	1,720.74
Gilliam, Joseph D.	1,889.04
Harris, Michelle	763.98
Hasenfus, Curt R.	3,289.50
Heirs of Sally E. Coffin	1,693.20
Hobart, Lori R.	489.28
Holt, Kevin D.	1,459.62
Jenks, Tolanda E.	1,755.42
Keating, Angela G.	570.18
Kelly, Denise J.	135.66
Kirk, Chad S.	802.74
LaBonte, Albert J.	3,166.08
Lathan, Arlene Whorff	221.34
Lenardson, Eric A.	6,474.96
Lennox, Thomas S.	1,190.30
Little Brothers, LLC.	692.58
Little Brothers, LLC.	2,462.28
Lots of Land, LLC	467.16
Lounder, Rachel A.	185.64
Lozier, Michael L.	2,433.72
Lozier, Michael L.	1,023.06
Martin, LLC	476.34
McCourt, Warren H.	2,563.26
Merry, Elizabeth W.	216.06
Mitchell, Everett	629.34
Murray, Edward F., Jr.	80.58
Nicholas, Patricia A.	1,474.92
Otis, Jeremy B.	1,429.02
Powers, Linda F.	350.88

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
2016 TAXES RECEIVABLE  
JUNE 30, 2017

2016 Real Estate (Cont'd)

Powers, Phillip W., Jr, et al	\$	6,146.52	
RA Cummings, Inc. - DBA Auburn Concrete		1,191.36	
Rand, Scott C.		2,533.68	
Reed, Ellis A.		1,224.00	
Ring, Herbert W. & Lisa L.		1,244.40	
Rogers, Toben C.		751.74	
Sanford, Donald		2,321.52	
Sanford, Donald		4,521.66	
Sanford, Donald A. & Rowena L.		2,574.48	
Sanford, Donald A.		1,671.78	
Sewall, Mark		2,836.62	
Szczepanski, John E.		2,313.36	
Trial, Robert, III & Trial, Robert, Jr.		4,267.68	
Trimble, Don		2,296.95	
Vigue, Beth D.		228.48	
Wallace, Deborah		1,340.28	
Weinert, Frederick W.		1,600.02	
White, Christopher Alan		440.64	
Whitmore, Gregory		4,288.08	
Whitmore, Gregory D.		776.22	
Whorff, Jeremie R.		2,536.74	
William J. Whorf Sr., Revocable Trust		275.40	
Wilson, R. Christopher		112.46	
Yorke, Michael		306.89	
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	\$		111,454.38

2016 Personal Property

Ad Wear	\$	40.35	
Ambrose, Merle		29.46	
Andrew Skelton		86.16	
Auburn Concrete		1,314.90	
Bath Electrical		45.81	
Black Ghost Outfitters		58.12	
Bonzagni, LLC		20.65	
Crown Equipment Corp.		191.78	
CTE, Inc.		159.83	
Dave & Michelle Babcock		30.54	
Everett, Steve		81.39	
Johnathan Snell		115.44	
New Meadows Auto Sales		93.30	
Patton, Rick & King, David		105.02	
Pepsico		30.00	
Ray Rouke		39.66	
S Corp.		455.54	
Sanford, Smith		67.64	
Sanford, Don		100.96	
Shawn Schutty		51.19	
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			3,117.74
	\$		<hr/> <hr/> 114,572.12

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
TAX LIENS  
JUNE 30, 2017

2015

Babine, Shawn	\$	142.48	
Babine, Shawn		208.00	
Babine, Shawn A.		231.92	
Belanger, Linda M.		1,454.96	
Burnette, Kenneth & Laurie		31.42	
Carver, John E. & Cynthia C.		2,519.92	
Gilliam, Joseph D.		1,926.08	
Jenks, Tolanda E.		1,789.84	
Kelly, Denise J.		138.32	
Labonte, Albert J.		3,228.16	
Little Brothers, LLC		706.16	
Little Brothers, LLC		2,510.56	
Lozier, Michael L.		2,481.44	
Lozier, Michael L.		1,043.12	
Mitchell, Everett		102.32	
Ring, Herbert W. & Lisa L.		816.95	
Sanford, Donald		2,367.04	
Sanford, Donald		3,814.89	
Sanford, Donald A. & Rowena L.		459.76	
Sewall, Mark		2,892.24	
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	\$		28,865.58

2012

Green Acres Limited Partnership			19,792.50
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2011

Green Acres Limited Partnership			1,047.36
	\$		<hr/>
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Babine, Shawn	\$	139.74	
Babine, Shawn		204.00	
Babine, Shawn A.		227.46	
Jenks, Tolanda E.		1,755.42	
Kelly, Denise J.		<u>135.66</u>	
	\$		2,462.28

Babine, Shawn	\$	139.06	
Babine, Shawn		203.00	
Babine, Shawn A.		226.35	
Jenks, Tolanda E.		1,641.59	
Kelly, Denise J.		<u>135.00</u>	
			2,345.00

Babine, Shawn	\$	119.19	
Babine, Shawn		174.00	
Babine, Shawn A.		194.01	
Crimmins, Frances		1,308.48	
Kelly, Denise J.		<u>115.71</u>	
			1,911.39

Crimmins, Frances	802.63
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\$ 7,521.30

TOWN OF WEST BATH  
PRIOR YEARS TAXES RECEIVABLE  
JUNE 30, 2017

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	TOTALS
Personal Property														
Adams, Heather	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23.31	\$ 30.69	\$ 32.44	\$ 34.18	\$ 34.71	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155.33
Ambrose Auto Repair	64.33	53.89	54.68	56.58	29.52	28.64	30.27	31.90	32.39	28.32	33.04	29.46	30.04	229.48
Ambrose, Merle														273.58
Auburn Concrete														1,309.79
Bath Electrical		70.64	71.67	74.17	43.90	41.88	44.26	46.64	47.35	39.07	45.58	45.81	46.71	2,493.87
Bisson Moving & Storage				6,593.79	3,536.45	3,281.56								617.68
C/O Dave														13,411.80
CTE, Inc.					185.31	161.92	171.12	180.32	183.08	30.35	35.40	30.54	162.97	96.29
Dave & Michelle Babcock										152.69	178.13	159.83	31.14	1,535.37
Degussa Ad Mixtures Ink					250.62									250.62
DFS Equipment Holdings					22.90									22.90
DFS-SPV LP				61.70										61.70
Edward R. Schenk							106.34	112.05	95.67	83.65	85.23	81.39	82.98	179.32
Everett, Steve	6.67	7.31	7.42	7.68					113.77	99.48				681.24
Hilltop Redemption										10.11	11.12	9.54	9.72	29.08
Hoare, James												115.44	40.49	40.49
Jaiden Landscaping														115.44
Johnathan Snell														117.71
New Meadows Auto Sales														308.50
Patton, Rick & King, David									61.22	54.24	65.83	93.30	95.13	450.91
Ray Rouke										69.47	108.12	105.02	107.08	40.44
Rent A Center					78.88	75.20	79.47	83.74	85.02		63.32		40.44	465.63
Sanford, Smith														24.66
Sanford, Don					128.90	111.13	117.44	123.75	125.65	109.86	120.31	100.96	24.66	1,040.94
Sanford's Auto Center			387.09	399.84									102.94	786.93
Shawn Schutty														52.20
Shea, Scott										11.51	8.06	8.10	8.26	35.93
Shutt, Erik	\$ 71.00	\$ 131.84	\$ 520.86	\$ 7,193.76	\$ 4,301.50	\$ 3,732.75	\$ 583.17	\$ 614.51	\$ 780.82	\$ 690.46	\$ 756.14	\$ 1,965.48	\$ 2,223.82	\$ 23,566.11



TOWN OF WEST BATH  
ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS  
JUNE 30, 2017

ABATEMENTS

Real Estate

2016

Weir, Robert & Jane	\$ 1,629.00	
Heichel, James & Jane	2,553.06	
Plummer, Dustin & Mary	123.42	
Whitney, Raymond	<u>2,675.46</u>	
		\$ 6,980.94

Personal Property

2016

Scotsman, William, Inc.	\$ 224.33	
Byrd, John	<u>35.54</u>	
		259.87

2015

Byrd, John		43.33
		<u>\$ 7,284.14</u>

SUPPLEMENTALS

Whitney, Raymond S. & Hannah	\$ 2,675.46	
J.R. Hill & Son, S-Corp	<u>455.54</u>	
		<u>\$ 3,131.00</u>

TOWN OF WEST BATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN  
FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

					TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	DESIGNATED RESERVES	2017	2016
REVENUES:						
Local Appropriation	\$ 2,897,177.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,897,177.00	\$ 2,878,108.00
Intergovernmental Revenue	112,558.92				112,558.92	135,161.64
Federal and State Grants		133,949.65			133,949.65	85,165.37
Tuition - Individual Elementary	222,713.80				222,713.80	235,259.92
Maine State Retirement on Behalf Payments (Note D)	91,893.92				91,893.92	77,115.27
Interest Income	692.16				692.16	143.72
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,325,035.80</u>	<u>\$ 133,949.65</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,458,985.45</u>	<u>\$ 3,410,953.92</u>
EXPENDITURES:						
Regular Instruction	\$ 1,873,099.93	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,873,099.93	\$ 1,708,184.60
Special Education Instruction	568,681.83				568,681.83	380,393.15
Other Instruction	3,668.72				3,668.72	5,005.09
Student and Staff Support	186,049.05				186,049.05	176,225.18
System Administration	74,163.68				74,163.68	81,357.85
School Administration	187,979.69				187,979.69	174,031.85
Transportation and Buses	130,287.62				130,287.62	111,248.83
Facilities Maintenance	201,057.19				201,057.19	147,485.16
Maine State Retirement on Behalf Payments (Note D)	91,893.92				91,893.92	77,115.27
Program Expenses		132,869.72			132,869.72	77,977.60
Capital Expenditures						138,780.64
Startup Expenses						22,747.31
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,316,881.63</u>	<u>\$ 132,869.72</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,449,751.35</u>	<u>\$ 3,100,552.53</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 8,154.17</u>	<u>\$ 1,079.93</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 9,234.10</u>	<u>\$ 310,401.39</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):						
Operating Transfers - In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Operating Transfers - Out	(90,000.00)				(90,000.00)	(63,458.79)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (90,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (30,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ 136,541.21</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (81,845.83)</u>	<u>\$ 1,079.93</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$ (20,765.90)</u>	<u>\$ 446,942.60</u>
Fund Balance, July 1	431,535.47	7,187.77	8,219.36		446,942.60	
Fund Balance, June 30	<u>\$ 349,689.64</u>	<u>\$ 8,267.70</u>	<u>\$ 8,219.36</u>	<u>\$ 60,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 426,176.70</u>	<u>\$ 446,942.60</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

TOWN OF WEST BATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE  
IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	GENERAL FUND			
	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES:				
Local Appropriation	\$ 2,897,176.12	\$ 2,897,176.12	\$ 2,897,177.00	\$ 0.88
State Subsidy	112,558.95	112,558.95	112,558.92	(0.03)
Maine State Retirement on Behalf Payments (Note D)			91,893.92	91,893.92
Interest			692.16	692.16
Tuition - Individual Elementary	189,175.00	189,175.00	222,713.80	33,538.80
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,198,910.07</u>	<u>\$ 3,198,910.07</u>	<u>\$ 3,325,035.80</u>	<u>\$ 126,125.73</u>
EXPENDITURES:				
Regular Instruction	\$ 2,012,839.17	\$ 2,012,839.17	\$ 1,873,099.93	\$ 139,739.24
Special Education Instruction	465,800.17	658,727.38	568,681.83	90,045.55
Other Instruction	4,500.00	4,500.00	3,668.72	831.28
Student and Staff Support	233,986.17	233,986.17	186,049.05	47,937.12
System Administration	70,724.85	74,163.68	74,163.68	
School Administration	186,557.41	187,979.69	187,979.69	
Transportation	141,520.06	141,520.06	130,287.62	11,232.44
Facilities Maintenance	222,700.00	222,700.00	201,057.19	21,642.81
Maine State Retirement on Behalf Payments (Note D)			91,893.92	(91,893.92)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,338,627.83</u>	<u>\$ 3,536,416.15</u>	<u>\$ 3,316,881.63</u>	<u>\$ 219,534.52</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>\$ (139,717.76)</u>	<u>\$ (337,506.08)</u>	<u>\$ 8,154.17</u>	<u>\$ 345,660.25</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Operating Transfers - In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers - Out	(30,000.00)	(30,000.00)	(90,000.00)	(60,000.00)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ (30,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (30,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (90,000.00)</u>	<u>\$ (60,000.00)</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (169,717.76)</u>	<u>\$ (367,506.08)</u>	<u>\$ (81,845.83)</u>	<u>\$ 285,660.25</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2016	169,717.76	367,506.08	431,535.47	64,029.39
Fund Balance, June 30, 2017	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 349,689.64</u>	<u>\$ 349,689.64</u>

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TOWN OF WEST BATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS  
JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

AGENCY

	2017	2016
ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 2,416.46	\$ 9,199.44
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,416.46</u>	<u>\$ 9,199.44</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 2,416.46	\$ 9,199.44
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 2,416.46</u>	<u>\$ 9,199.44</u>

STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION  
PROPRIETARY FUND - SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 AND 2016

	2017	2016
REVENUES:		
Daily Sales	\$ 24,564.91	\$ 22,959.75
School Nutrition Subsidy	25,495.74	25,347.77
Donated Commodities (Note H)	2,407.52	2,781.57
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 52,468.17</u>	<u>\$ 51,089.09</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Salaries	\$ 52,764.09	\$ 45,799.64
Benefits	3,757.78	3,623.26
Food (Note H)	12,803.74	27,721.14
Supplies	27,880.40	2,401.51
Account Writeoffs/Miscellaneous Fees	259.70	136.75
Kitchen Equipment Maintenance	590.34	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 98,056.05</u>	<u>\$ 79,682.30</u>
Excess of Expenditures Over Revenues	<u>\$ (45,587.88)</u>	<u>\$ (28,593.21)</u>
Other Financing Sources:		
Transfers in from General Fund	30,000.00	63,458.79
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ (15,587.88)</u>	<u>\$ 34,865.58</u>
Net Position, July 1	34,865.58	
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ 19,277.70</u>	<u>\$ 34,865.58</u>

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# Town Clerk Annual Report

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Dear Residents,

It is my goal to keep residents as educated and informed to what is happening in our area as possible. This year the Town instituted a Facebook page adding another opportunity to stay connected, and in November filming began at regular Selectmen's Meetings, which can be viewed on our YouTube channel.

If you would like to have your email added to my weekly events notification please email [townclerk@westbath.org](mailto:townclerk@westbath.org) and feel free to pass on any events you would like posted as well!

## Registrar of Voters Report

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In addition to the standard elections held throughout the year, The Town of West Bath also held a Special Town Meeting and subsequent Budget Validation in 2017 to vote to raise additional funding for special education.

Election dates and voter participation for 2017 is as follows:

January 21, 2017	Special Town Meeting	40 Voters (3%)
February 7, 2017	Special Budget Validation	32 (2%)
May 30, 2017	Budget Town Meeting	36 Voters (2%)
June 13, 2017	State Referendum & Budget Validation	107 Voters (7%)
November 7, 2017	State Referendum & Local Election	638 Voters (40%)

Without dedicated Election Clerks, elections would be an impossible endeavor.  
I encourage anyone interested in taking part to contact me at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Karly Perry*  
Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters



**Candidates Night, November 2017**

# Vital Statistics

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## **Births:**

**9 Births in 2017**

## **Marriages:**

**13 Marriages in 2017**

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Nicole Bright to Timothy Griffin	February 17, 2017
Jami Oliver to Michael Lyford	May 20, 2017
Bonnie Crocker to Rodney Toothaker	May 27, 2017
Claire McClintock to William Musto	June 24, 2017
Branda Votra to Rebecca Black	June 17, 2017
James Princiotta to Morgan McDonough	July 1, 2017
Daniel Flaherty to Sydney Perkins	July 15, 2017
Nancy Laffin to Christopher Gillespie, Sr.	August 11, 2017
Rebecca Kempf to Richard Gilmore	August 19, 2017
Chelsea Coffin to Derek Riva	August 26, 2017
Matthew Hayes to Kayleigh Rolfe	September 2, 2017
Heidi Barber to Thomas Levasseur	September 9, 2017
Ellen True to Jeffrey Peabody	September 23, 2017
Juliette Moon to Mary Coffin	December 24, 2017

## **Deaths:**

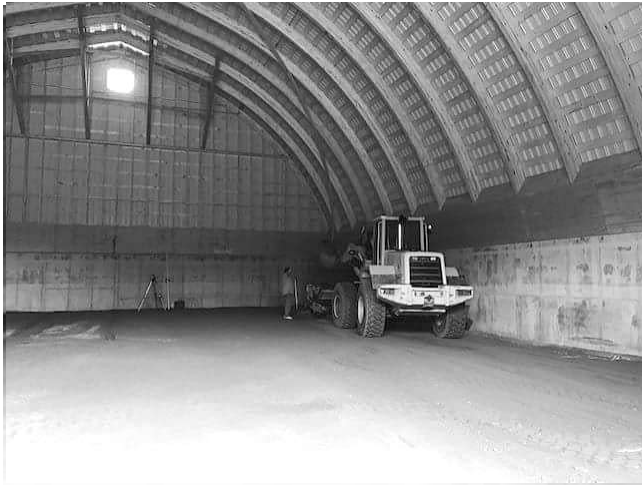
**13 Deaths in 2017**

# In Memoriam

<b>Pamela J. Lewis</b>	<b>January 10, 2017</b>
<b>Ruth Elizabeth Hennessey</b>	<b>January 15, 2017</b>
<b>Audrey Nelson Tinkham</b>	<b>January 30, 2017</b>
<b>Emily Elizabeth Allen</b>	<b>March 11, 2017</b>
<b>Hazel Moyer Guyler</b>	<b>March 27, 2017</b>
<b>Brian Albert Fitzgerald</b>	<b>April 11, 2017</b>
<b>Timothy Michael McCabe Sr.</b>	<b>May 22, 2017</b>
<b>Mary Anne Farnham</b>	<b>May 25, 2017</b>
<b>Aline Albina Gilley</b>	<b>June 1, 2017</b>
<b>Eleanor Joanne Bruce</b>	<b>June 23, 2017</b>
<b>Norman Harold Carlton</b>	<b>August 13, 2017</b>
<b>Donald Albert Sanford</b>	<b>December 7, 2017</b>
<b>Evelyn White Desmond</b>	<b>December 31, 2017</b>

# Road Commissioner's Report

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In 2017 we completed many projects, which included road striping, culvert work on Birch Point Road, paving a portion of Campbell's Pond Road, and fixing the Bull Rock boat launch. Roadside tree trimming continued, assisted heavily by a wind storm that left most of the town without power for a week. Our new sand and salt shed was also completed this fall, in preparation of our new winter road maintenance contract awarded to Goodall

Landscaping. West Bath parking lots are now maintained separately by Marc Travis.

## Upcoming Projects:

- Paving and shimming Birch Point Road, Mountain Road and Sanford's Crossing Road
- Tree trimming on Sanford's Crossing Road
- Continued road maintenance on all town roads

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have. I can be reached at (207) 442-0581.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Steve Renaud*  
Road Commissioner







**MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH  
BUDGET (Special) TOWN MEETING MAY 30, 2017**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Elementary School, in the Town of West Bath, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2017. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk, who read the warrant through to Article 1.

**Art. 1** William Dale was nominated as moderator by Selectman Oceretko, seconded by Selectman Nelson. Selectman Oceretko moved to close nominations, seconded by Selectman Nelson. By way of written ballot, William Dale was voted Moderator (3-0) and sworn in.

Motion made and seconded to allow Treasurer Julie House, Town Administrator Adam Garland, Town Clerk Karly Perry, and Superintendent Emily Thompson.

**ALEWIVES**

**Art. 2.** To see if the Town will vote to maintain, and exercise if appropriate, its right to take alewives from the New Meadows Lake consistent with the terms and conditions specified at the March 1977 Town Meeting.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to maintain a fishway on Winnegance Lake and to exercise its right to take alewives from Winnegance Lake in accordance with the terms and conditions specified at the June 1988 Town Meeting and an agreement with the City of Bath and the Town of Phippsburg.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**MUNICIPAL FISCAL MANAGEMENT**

**Art. 4.** To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of October 16, 2017 as the date when taxes shall become due and payable and to charge a 7% interest rate (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. §505(4), the State maximum rate) on unpaid taxes to start after that date.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 5.** To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest to be paid by the Town on refunds of taxes that are paid but later abated at 3% (as allowed by 36 M.R.S.A. § 506-A, the State maximum rate less 4%) and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance (surplus).

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 6.** To see if the Town will vote to apply the unassigned fund balance (surplus) in excess of 12% of the total non-capital expenditures for FY 2016-17, and not otherwise appropriated herein, to reduce the tax commitment for the ensuing fiscal year.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from unassigned fund balance (surplus) to reduce the tax commitment for the FY 2017-18 fiscal year.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 8.** To see if the Town, in accordance with 36 M.R.S.A. §506 will vote to authorize the Tax Collector/Treasurer to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed and to pay no interest on any excess prepaid over the amount finally committed.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and dispose of all tax acquired property held by the Town on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 10.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §944 upon a finding by the Selectmen that ownership of the property that is subject to the tax lien mortgage would be contrary to the Town's best interests.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 11.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appropriate from unassigned fund balance (surplus) up to \$10,000 to meet unanticipated financial obligations.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 12.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, the authority to sign contracts and related documents and to accept conditions of approval; and to appropriate such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds in FY 2017-18.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 13.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept or reject donations of personal property and/or to accept or reject gifts of money to the various accounts of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and to appropriate those moneys donated for specific purposes.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 14.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept conditional or unconditional gifts of real property provided that no single gift will obligate the Town to incur liabilities that total \$1,000 or more per year, as determined by the Selectmen.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 15.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose by sealed bid of Town-owned personal property with a value of over \$500 and deemed by the Selectmen to be surplus.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 16.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to annually set fees for returned checks; copies of Town ordinances and other documents; permit, license and land use application fees; notary services; and various other fees.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 17.** To see if the Town will vote to carry forward the following appropriated but unexpended funds at the end of FY 2016-17, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated:

- a) General Assistance
- b) Marine Resources/Harbor and Waterway
- c) Boat Excise (for Harbor & Waterways/Marine Resources expenses)
- d) Business/Economic Development – Economic Development Committee

e) Business/Economic Development – Wing Farm Industrial Park  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$342,631 from motor vehicle excise tax revenue for the maintenance of public roads, hot-topping, construction, salt shed utilities, signs, plowing and sanding of Town roads and parking lots, the Road Commissioner's annual stipend and other public works related projects. (FY 2016-17: \$442,780)

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 19.** To see if the Town will vote to deposit any motor vehicle excise tax revenue not otherwise appropriated elsewhere in this Warrant in the Public Works Roads Capital Improvement Fund and to appropriate the same for road projects; provided, however, that the Selectmen shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed expenditure of any such funds prior to such expenditure.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from revenue generated from the Transfer Station - Rent account as follows: (a) \$11,750 to operate the public Drop-Off/Recycling Center (FY 2016-17: \$11,750); and (b) \$1,200 for use by the Recycling Committee for hazardous waste drop-offs and other special events (FY 2016-17: \$1,200).

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Art. 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,071 for Fire Department Operations. (FY 2016-17: \$74,655)

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,400 for the Fire Department Fire Protection Account to be used for the fire fighter reimbursement and incentive program. (FY 2016-17: \$18,400)

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

**Art. 23.** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for wages and stipends, payroll taxes, worker's compensation insurance, unemployment payments, and benefits (health insurance for full-time employees and retirement contribution for full-time employees, Assessing Agent and CEO). [Note: The amount excludes the Shellfish Warden's wages and the Harbor Master and Road Commissioner's stipends, which are funded by associated revenue accounts.] **SELECTMEN AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: \$321,453** (FY 2016-17: \$312,082)

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,090 for municipal operating expenses, which include, but are not limited to, utilities, advertising, elections, supplies, property/casualty/liability insurance, postage, animal control expenses, grounds and building maintenance, janitorial service, training/seminars, travel, deed fees, and all computer-related network support and support contracts. (FY 2016-17: \$92,467)

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 25.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all dog licensing fees and penalties collected during FY 2017-18, with the exception of the recording fee that must be retained by the municipal clerk pursuant to State law, as additional payment to the Animal Control Officer for services rendered to the Town.  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for the accounts below:

	<b><u>FY 2017-18</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2016-17</u></b>
Ambulance	\$ 60,000	\$55,000
General Assistance	00	00
Hydrant Rental	27,160	27,160
Street Lights	2,000	1,400
Cemetery Repairs/Maintenance	2,100	2,100
Selectmen's Contingency Fund	5,000	5,000
<b>VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED</b>		

**Art. 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,847 for professional services/dues/memberships (MMA, Lincoln County Animal Shelter, town maps, annual report, auditing, Board of Assessment Review, Board of Appeals, legal services and litigation expenses, Planning Board). (FY 2016-17: \$43,807)  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transfer funds from budget accounts that have unexpended balances at the end of FY 2017-18 to budget accounts that have overruns at the end of FY 2017-18, provided that any such transfer is not more than ten percent (10%) of the funds appropriated under the municipal budget and any such transfer is first approved at a properly called public meeting of the Selectmen.  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **COMMUNITY AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS**

**Art. 29.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as donations to community agencies:

	<b><u>FY 2017-2018</u></b>	<b><u>FY 2016-17</u></b>
a. Bath Senior Citizens	875	875
b. Bath Area Food Bank	1,500	1,500
c. Senior Spectrum	1,365	1,365
d. Sweetser/Shoreline Mental Health	2,252	2,252
e. Midcoast Maine Community Action	1,500	730
f. New Hope for Women	500	00
Total:	\$7,992	\$6,722

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 30.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,547 as a payment to the Patten Free Library. (FY 2016-17: \$31,909)  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **WATERWAYS & HARBORS**

**Art. 31.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$3,853 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for the Harbor Master's stipend and reimbursements/expenses. (FY 2016-17: \$3,250)  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **MARINE RESOURCES**

**Art. 32.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$17,138 from the Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/ Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account for Marine Resource expenses to be used for Shellfish Warden wages and expenses. (FY 2016-17: \$14,877)  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 33.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$700 from the dedicated Boat Excise/Mooring Fee/Marine Resources Joint Revenue Account to be used for maintenance, equipment, fuel, and servicing of the Town boat. (FY 2016-17: \$800)  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **LONG TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**

**Art. 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise \$19,000 and to transfer \$31,000 from unassigned fund balance (which \$31,000 represents the remaining proceeds of the Town's sale of tax acquired property at 16 Whistlers Cove Road), for a total of \$50,000, for the Long-Term Capital Improvement Fund Reserve Account in order to restore funds that were previously appropriated for the construction of the new salt/sand shed.  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT (LD 1)**

**Art. 35.** (Written ballot required by State statute). To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$550,018 established for the Town of West Bath by State law, but only in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding Articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.  
**ARTICLE NOT VOTED ON**

### **ORDINANCES**

**Art. 36.** Shall an ordinance entitled "2017 amendments to the Marine Resource Conservation Ordinance" be enacted?  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 37.** Shall an ordinance entitled "2017 Amendments to the Land use Ordinance Regarding Accessory Residential units" be enacted?  
**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **WEST BATH SCHOOL BUDGET**

#### **Expenditures**

**Art. 38.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Regular Instruction. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$2,134,134.55

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 39.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Special Education. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$647,593.10

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 40.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Career and Technical Education. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$0

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 41.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Other Instruction. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$4,500.00

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 42.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Student and Staff Support. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$195,079.41

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 43.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for System Administration. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$93,613.26

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 44.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for School Administration. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$200,509.90

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 45.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Transportation. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$165,034.75

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 46.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Facilities Maintenance. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$208,498.00

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 47.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Debt Service/Other Commitments. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$0

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 48.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for Other Expenditures, including Food Service. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$35,000

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Revenues**

**Art. 49.** To see what sum the Town will appropriate for the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act and to see what sum the Town will raise and assess as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in accordance with the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, section 15688. School Board of Directors Recommends Total Appropriated: \$2,111,483.25. School Board of Directors Recommends Total Raised: \$1,986,368.53.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**



**Art. 50.** (Written Ballot Required) To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate in additional local funds (the School Board of Directors recommends \$1,112,241.98), which exceeds the State's Essential Programs and Services allocation model by (the School Board of Directors Recommends \$1,572,479.72) as required to fund the budget recommended by the School Board. The School Board of Directors recommends \$1,112,241.98 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$1,572,479.72: The additional local funds represent local costs to support the school administrative unit school programs that are not included in the State's funding model, including costs for transportation and special education services.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 51.** To see what sum the Town will authorize the School Board of Directors to expend for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 from the school administrative unit's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, Section 15690, undesignated fund balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools. School Board of Directors Recommends: \$3,683,962.97

Local Contribution	\$1,986,368.53.
Additional Local Contribution	\$1,112,241.98.
EPS State Subsidy	\$125,114.72.
Tuition Credit (from RSU 1)	\$113,993.40.
Carryover from 16-17	\$282,214.95.
Carryover from 15-16 Undesignated Funds	\$64,029.39.

**Total: \$3,683,962.97.**

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 52.** In addition to the amount in Article 51, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to accept and expend any state, federal, and other grants, aid, and receipts during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, for school purposes, provided that such grants, aid, and receipts do not require the expenditure of other local funds not previously appropriated? The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 53.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the amounts appropriated in Article 48 to the Food Service Fund and to authorize the School Board of Directors to expend those funds from said reserve fund. The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 54.** To see if the Town will vote to (1) create a "Special Education Reserve Fund," (2) transfer up to \$70,000 from undesignated fund balances to that reserve fund, and (3) authorize the School Board of Directors to expend up to \$70,000 from said fund if necessary. The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

**VOTED TO APPROVE AS PRINTED (35 FOR/1 OPPOSED)**

**Art. 55.** To see if the Town will vote to (1) create a "School Capital Reserve Fund," (2) transfer up to \$15,000 from undesignated fund balances to that reserve fund, and (3) authorize the School Board of Directors

to expend up to \$15,000 from said fund if necessary. The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

**Art. 56.** In the event that the West Bath School Administrative Unit receives more state education subsidy than the amount included in its budget, shall the School Board of Directors be authorized to use all or part of the additional state subsidy to increase expenditures for school purposes in cost center categories approved by the School Board of Directors, increase the allocation of finances in a reserve fund approved by the School Board, and/or decrease the local cost share expectation, as defined in Title 20-A, section 15671-A(1)(B), for local property taxpayers for funding public education as approved by the School Board of Directors? The School Board of Directors Recommends a YES vote.

**VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AS PRINTED**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion made and seconded, by verbal acclamation, the town voted unanimously to adjourn the Budget (Special) Town Meeting at 7:00 pm on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
*Peter Oceretko, Chair*  
*Paula Nelson*  
*Madelyn Hennessey*

I attest that this is a true copy of the  
Minutes of the Town of West's Bath  
Budget (Special) Town Meeting of May 30, 2017

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ATTESTED BY: Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine

# **MINUTES FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BATH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

A legal Town Meeting was held at the West Bath Fire Hall in the Town of West Bath, Maine on the 7th of November 2017. The meeting was called to order November 7, 2017 at 7:45 am by Karly Perry, Town Clerk for the Town of West Bath, who subsequently read the warrant.

**Art. 1.** Kathleen Dudzic nominated Robin Whorff as Moderator & Warden, seconded by Diane Delano. By way of written ballot, Robin Whorff was voted as Moderator (3-0) and sworn in by Karly Perry at 7:50 am. (At 12 pm Robin Whorff swore in Paula Nelson as her Deputy Moderator/Warden. In the name of the State of Maine.)

**Art. 2.** The polls opened at 8:00 am at the West Bath Fire Hall for the townspeople to cast their ballots for: One (1) Selectman, who shall also be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; and two (2) West Bath School Board members, each for a three-year term.

## **Election Results are as follows:**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**Kathleen Lavallee: 359**

Marc Travis: 196

Write-In: 15

Blank: 67

### **WEST BATH SCHOOL BOARD**

Richard Davis: 281

**Robert McDaniel: 293**

**Mary Wallace: 428**

Write-In: 19

Blank: 242

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Deputy Moderator/Warden closed the polls at 8pm concluding the Annual Town Meeting.**

Town of West Bath Board of Selectmen  
Peter Oceretko, Chairman  
Madelyn Hennessey  
Kathleen Lavallee

I attest that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the  
Town of West Bath's Annual Meeting of November 7, 2017.

ATTESTED BY:

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Karly A. Perry, Town Clerk  
Town of West Bath, Maine



On behalf of the Board, Corporators, and Staff of the Patten Free Library, thank you to the Town of West Bath for making the Patten Free Library *your* library. Your support of the library in 2016-17 has enabled:

**169,821** people to visit the Library  
**128,068** total items to be borrowed  
**25,540** items to be borrowed and loaned through interlibrary loan  
**21,944** people to use the public computers  
**10,023** reference questions to be answered  
**7,394** eBooks and audiobooks to be borrowed  
**4,898** items to be added to the collection  
**4,115** people to participate in **259** children's programs  
**1,548** people to attend **56** adult programs  
**1,926** young adults to participate in **177** programs  
**516** children to participate in the Summer Reading Program  
**51** teens to participate in the Teen Summer Reading Program

Our mission is to transform lives, inspire lifelong learning, preserve local history, and build community through joyful, creative exploration and dialogue for the citizens of Arrowsic, Bath, Georgetown, Woolwich, and West Bath.

Some highlights of the Library's service in 2016-17 include:

- ❖ The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Town History Series, featuring West Bath: "Fisher's Store: Life and Times of Alonzo G. Fisher" presented by Linda Henderson & Frank Connors
- ❖ *Book-a-Librarian* individual instruction, local history and genealogy research assistance, book discussions, live music concerts, robotics for middle schoolers, and daily storytimes
- ❖ *Wild About Reading* children's summer reading program with 516 participants; 23 of them from West Bath
- ❖ First grade visit with West Bath School; 24 students attending with 18 new cards issued
- ❖ 177 programs for young adults with 1926 attendees; activities include a Teen Writing Contest, a Teen Art Show, the Haunted Patten fundraiser, and college prep workshops

Respectfully submitted,  
*Lesley Dofinger*  
Director

## Sagadahoc County Communications Center Report for West Bath 2017

- Requests for Police Response            1,051
- Requests for Fire Response            123
- Requests for Ambulance Response    181
  
- ❖ Police had an decrease of 10 calls from 2016
- ❖ Fire had an increase of 20 calls from 2016
- ❖ Ambulance had an decrease of 26 calls from 2016

The true first, first responders.

Our center is now nationally certified in Emergency Medical Dispatch and also Fire Dispatch for the call processing of each type of call. What does this mean to you as a resident?

1. The best standard of care
2. Pre arrival instructions so that the emergency can be addressed as the fire or rescue responds
3. Scene safety for you and the first responders are addressed right away
4. More pertinent information is passed onto the first responders
5. Knowing that when you call 9-1-1 that you are in perfect hands from our center

The center is also nationally certified in providing quality insurance checks on 9-1-1 calls so that we can find errors or reoccurring issues and provide the proper training to address them.

The center also offers some useful tools that residents can register for;

1. Wandering Person Program ~ Provides a network of critical real time information including a photograph to Law Enforcement, which assists in locating individuals prone to wander.
2. ETip ~ provides an anonymous line of commination to our center to report any type of crime.
3. Code Red ~ provides the county with an emergency notification warning using telephone, text message, TTY and email. Please register your information under the EMA website to access this.

### **Remember, If you see something, say something.**

To report suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement agency. Describe specifically what you observed, including:

- **Who** or **what** you saw;
- **When** you saw it;
- **Where** it occurred; and
- **Why** it's suspicious.

If there is an emergency, call 9–1–1.

For more information about the Sagadahoc County Communications Center and public safety services throughout our county, please call Brodie Hinckley at 386-5800 or email at [director@sagcommunications.com](mailto:director@sagcommunications.com).

Please check out our website at [www.sagcommunications.com](http://www.sagcommunications.com)



# SAGADAHOC COUNTY

## Emergency Management Agency

### Board of Health



*Sarah J. Bennett*  
Director

*Matthew Fournier*  
Deputy Director

752 High Street | Bath, ME 04530 | Office: (207) 443-8210 | Fax: (207) 443-8212

## **Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency 2017 Annual Report**

The Sagadahoc County Emergency Management Agency (SCEMA) is responsible for policy development, planning, agency coordination, education and training surrounding the health and safety of those who live, work and play within the ten municipalities of Sagadahoc County. SCEMA is charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. SCEMA protects communities by coordinating and integrating all activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters, acts of terrorism or other man-made disasters. Existing partnerships were enhanced and new partnerships with government, non-profit and industry were established over the course of 2017.

On March 1, 2017, Sarah Bennett officially stepped into the role of EMA Director, while Matthew Fournier came onboard to fill the Deputy Director Position on July 31, 2017. SCEMA is now at full capacity with a staff of two.

SCEMA brought in close to \$65,000 in Federal Homeland Security Program Grant funds for fiscal year 2017. These funds translated into a number of projects across the County. Some of the projects include upgrading the Sheriff's Office with ruggedized laptops, mobile repeaters for fire departments to enhance on-scene incident communications, incident response equipment (to include crowd safety at mass gatherings), ballistic protective equipment, pet rescue kits for fire department response, as well as continuation of the County-Wide communications tower upgrade project, to name a few. SCEMA continues to work on previous projects outlined within the FY15 and FY16 grants.

During the 2017 calendar year, SCEMA worked with our partners, the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), to expand our Points of Dispensing (POD) planning to include an additional site in Bath. With two designated sites, this will ensure a state of readiness for the County should Sagadahoc experience a public health crisis such as an outbreak of Ebola, Pandemic Flu or even Anthrax exposure.

Most notably, the County sustained major damages as a result of the October 2017 Wind Storm, which subsequently resulted in a Presidential Disaster Declaration effective January, 2018. The Declaration has allowed each town (and applicants within) to apply for 90% reimbursement towards eligible costs. All ten towns actively participated in the declaration process, to include working closely with SCEMA staff during and after the incident, gathering damage assessments, sheltering and assisting residents, to name a few tasks. The Declaration process will carry well into the next year or more as we continue to seek reimbursements for damages incurred.

SCEMA has worked very closely with the Sagadahoc County Board of Health, where County partners and stakeholders, neighboring jurisdictions and subject matter experts target and address three areas of focus for 2017 and the coming year: 1.) Mental illness 2.) Access to services, and 3.) Bridging the gap between the two.

I am very pleased and honored to work with the professionals from each Town within Sagadahoc County. 2017 has certainly proven to be a very eventful year, and together, we have demonstrated true resilience in the face of disaster. I look forward to another successful year of service to the residents of Sagadahoc County. For more information, visit us at [www.sagcounty/ema](http://www.sagcounty/ema). Sign-up for CodeRED and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SagadahocCountyEMA](https://www.facebook.com/SagadahocCountyEMA).

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah J. Bennett, Director





**Sagadahoc County  
Sheriff's Office**

**Joel A. Merry, Sheriff**  
Brett Strout, Chief Deputy

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752 High Street, Bath, Maine 04530  
Telephone (207)443-8529 Fax (207)443-8224

## **Sheriff's Report**

To the Residents of the Town of West Bath:

On behalf of the members of the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office I want to thank the residents of West Bath for their continued support. The Sheriff's Office is committed to keeping you and your family safe.

Specifically to the Town of West Bath, the Sheriff's Office responded to **973** incidents, an almost identical number to 2016 when there were 974 calls. Of that total, 34% were for motor vehicle related incidents. There were 91 motor vehicle accidents reported last year, a 24% decrease from the previous year. Of that total, 19 involved personal injury, which was a slight increase over the previous year. Fortunately, there were no fatalities. As for criminal activity, we saw a slight decrease in reportable UCR crimes for the first time in several years, with burglaries and thefts down nearly 20%.

I am particularly pleased to report that the Sheriff's Office has expanded its jail diversion programs in an effort to limit the cost of incarcerating people for non-violent offenses. We continue to utilize alternative sentencing practices such as Adult Day Reporting, Home Release and Pre-Trial programs that reduce the number of inmates and keeps correctional costs flat. Our Outreach and Diversion program, coupled with our home release program saved 1,624 bed days in 2017, a 14% increase over 2016. The diversion program is also an effort to confront the heroin epidemic that is sweeping the state. A critical component to this program is utilizing a Recovery Coach through a partnership with Mid Coast Hospital Addiction Resource Center.

The Sheriff's Office continues to provide a public works program where inmates from Two Bridges Regional Jail can give back to the community. In 2017 our public works program saved taxpayers in Sagadahoc County nearly \$44,000 in potential labor costs. The Littlefield School received 165 hrs of labor and a savings of \$3,220.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office is committed to the prevention of crime, the protection of life and property, and the preservation of peace. By doing so, we can help make West Bath a safe place in which to live, work, and raise a family.

It is my pleasure to serve you. Please feel to get in touch with us by calling my office at 443-8228 or through our new website at [www.sagsheriff.com](http://www.sagsheriff.com)

Respectfully submitted,

*Joel A. Merry*

Joel A. Merry, Sheriff



**Dear West Bath Families,**

The West Bath PTO will continue to play an important role in supporting West Bath School activities this year, but we are slowly making changes to move away from the formal PTO and become the West Bath School Community Crew! Our goals and mission are still the same, focusing on supporting extracurricular activities, School needs and enhancing our children's academic experience at West Bath!

We are hoping this new structure will help incorporate more community involvement and open discussions to better our School and Town for years to come. We have simply opted out of some formalities to allow us to be more open and inviting!



We hope you will consider getting involved in whatever way works for you and your family.



**Meetings held the 3rd Wednesday of each month  
at 5:45 in the West Bath School Library.**

**Feel free to stop in, say hi, and learn what we've  
got in the works for the year ahead!**

In the meantime,  
here are the best ways to stay in the loop:

Join our e-list. Send your email to:  
[westbathschoolpto@gmail.com](mailto:westbathschoolpto@gmail.com)

Follow us on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/westbathschoolcommunitycrew/](http://www.facebook.com/westbathschoolcommunitycrew/)

*Melissa Belanger*

West Bath School Community Co-Crew Leader  
<http://westbathpto.org>

# West Bath's Historical Society

**Is a volunteer organization dedicated to improving our town's sense of community. Our mission:**

- Preserve the history and traditions of West Bath
- Identify, research, and record locations of historical sites, buildings, and artifacts
- Identify, record, and catalog photos and the written and oral history of West Bath
- Publish a historical and current events newsletter, The Middle Ground
- Serve as a resource for the West Bath School and Patten Free Library's History Room
- Hold free events with historical content for members and the community



As part of that mission, we have spearheaded the challenging restoration of West Bath's two important historical buildings: Old West Bath Meeting House located at 680 Berry's Mill Road, and Littlefield School at 363 Berry's Mill Road. For both those efforts we enjoyed a great deal of community support, both financially and with volunteer efforts. The Old West Bath Meeting House, built in 1839, needed a great deal of help, including shoring up the building, repairing and repainting walls and exterior, refinishing the floors, modernizing the electricity within a historic perspective while preserving old kerosene lamps, and repairing the stained glass windows. Littlefield School, one of Maine's few remaining one-room school houses, and now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was in even worse shape. Built in 1853, it is a classic one-story Greek Revival, timber-framed building; by 2007 it was in precarious condition. Its foundation had shifted and was collapsing. At one point, it was slated for a fire department exercise burn. Only community outrage stopped that from happening. This lovely old building is now restored, thanks in part to a generous bequest from the late Bruce Burden, whose mother attended the school, and a federal grant awarded to the West Bath Historical Society.

## **West Bath Historical Society annual events in 2017**

- WBHS participated in the annual Town History Series offered by The Sagadahoc History and Genealogy Room and sponsored by the Patten Free Library, with a presentation by Madelyn Hennessey, "William J. Hennessey: The First of the Hennesseys in West Bath". The Town History Series talks are filmed for local television.
- WBHS organized the always popular, non-sectarian, traditional candlelight Annual Community Christmas Service & Carol Sing, led by Rev. Holly S. Morrison, joined by organist Susie Knowles and Scottish smallpiper Sue Mack, with readings from members of every generation in our community. WBHS donated the evening's offering to the West Bath School for their backpack food program.
- Our Annual Meeting and Potluck Supper was held on a late summer afternoon, at the Old West Bath Meeting House and featured speaker Rebecca Goldfine presenting "Exploring Maine by Foot" with facts, maps and photos from over 400 hikes.

### **Special event in 2017**

- Littlefield School Open House—part of the Bath area Memorial Day celebrations

### **2017 Highlights of volunteer time and talent**

- Desk and chair of LFS vintage donated by David and Joyce Hennessey.
- Acquisition of a collection of the early history of West Bath in process of being cataloged and preserved by Archivist Kerry Nelson.
- LFS exterior painting, lawn & walk restoration, and tick mitigation overseen by Ivon Boyer.
- Archivist Kerry Nelson assisted with an article featuring West Bath in the Times Record.
- LFS sign maintenance completed by Dean Batterman.
- Archivist Kerry Nelson continues to use a historic newspaper website in order to research West Bath topics, to procure materials for reference, assist with all publications and programs, and maintain and expand on historic accuracy for all things West Bath.

**We thank The Town and its citizens for continued support of our efforts.**

**We encourage you to become involved with the West Bath Historical Society by:**

- Making a donation
- Researching or writing for The Middle Ground, or with an oral history project (by interviewing, transcribing, or being interviewed), or helping design and present a program
- Joining building restoration and preservation (cleaning, painting, carpentry, etc.)
- Helping with USGenWeb projects
- Contributing refreshments for events and Open Houses
- Helping with outreach for educational programs

### **West Bath Historical Society Board of Directors 2017**

Amy Wesson, President • Sally Graves, Recording Secretary • Pam Mayo, Secretary/Treasurer  
Leah Zartarian • Bob Bittner • Raisa Bittner • Beth Brewer • Ivon Boyer • Kerry Nelson, Archivist  
Avery Hunt, President Emeritus/Editor: *The Middle Ground* • W. N. "Pete" Guild, Emeritus  
Betty Fitzjarrald, Littlefield School Chairperson • Fran Soverel, Archival Contributor

**Join the West Bath Historical Society  
and receive our publication, The Middle Ground**

### **Publications**

*(available online on the Town of West Bath's website and in paper copy at the Town Offices)*

- **Old West Bath Meeting House Brochure & Application for Use**
- **Littlefield School Brochure & Application for Use**
- **Short History of West Bath**
- **The Middle Ground (current and past issues of our newsletter)**



## **West Bath Seaside Grange #592**

### **75 New Meadows Road, West Bath**

Meetings are held the on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month  
Social hour at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm  
Visitors are always welcome!!!

In 2013 a group of people in the Bath/West Bath area who didn't want to see the 1901 Grange building and all its history be forgotten, became the West Bath Seaside Grange. Our goal was to Keep the community. We have had success in community service and community use of the building along with suppers.

**Look for Grange Suppers held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month April-December**  
**4:30-6:30 · \$8.00/person donation (children under 3 years old are free)**

Funds raised are used for the upkeep of the building. Some of the things the West Bath Seaside Grange has been able to accomplish with these funds are:

- Painting the dining room, bathrooms, and hallway
- New kitchen stove (old stove is up for sale)
- New front steps (with the generosity of the church members)
- New outlets in dining room
- Words for Thirds (donated dictionaries to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at West Bath School)
- Pennies to Veterans House in the Woods
- Donations and program on Domestic Abuse
- Food donated to the Bath Food Bank



Visit us on the Town of West Bath website  
or visit our Facebook page.

**The Grange Hall is available to rent for:**  
**Weddings · Showers · Birthdays**  
**Reunions · Any Occasion**  
**Call at 443-6366 for more information.**



# GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR WEST BATH



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# COUNTY OF SAGADAHOC

## COMMISSIONER CAROL A. GROSE

District 3 – Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Richmond, West Bath & Woolwich

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is my honor to continue to serve the citizens of West Bath as a Sagadahoc County Commissioner. As I continue my third term, I remain totally committed to insuring that the services provided by the County are delivered in the most cost effective and professional way possible.

As we move forward in an economic climate which for us is accentuated by the uncertainty of issues such as the funding of county jails, the Commissioners remain acutely aware of the impact the County tax assessment has on Sagadahoc municipalities. In FY 2017-18 the overall budget increased by 1%, and we remain committed to minimizing increases as we enter into the FY 2018-19 budget process.

During 2017 the County's many activities and accomplishments included the following:

- **Administration** continued to oversee the self-funded health insurance program, which will have NO rate increase in the coming year. Over the past three years, our premiums have gone up 10% less than those of our previous insurer. In addition, the County had another successful year financially, with no material or significant weaknesses identified by the auditors.
- **Probate Court** was busy processing petitions for guardianship, conservatorship, change of name, adoption, and estates. They also processed passport applications and continued to back-scan records into an electronic database.
- **Deeds** continued its efforts to make all documents available for viewing at [sagadahocdeedsme.com](http://sagadahocdeedsme.com). They also stayed busy handling increased recordings due to the improved housing market.
- The **Emergency Management Agency** Staff continued to work on the planning and implementation of regional training; assist local EMA Directors and community officials to meet federal emergency preparedness requirements; and collaborate with area emergency responders and public health agencies.
- The **Communications Center** continued to make significant equipment upgrades. In addition, the joint Task Force with the County's Fire Chiefs continued to explore long term improvements to the E-911 system.
- The **District Attorney's Office** handled a high volume of court cases and added a part-time employee to assist with the implementation of a new court process.
- The **Sheriff's Office** saw a slight increase of approximately .74% in the number of calls when compared with 2016, from 5,133 to 5,171. The **Transport Division** handled 742 transports last year and continued to monitor inmates on home release. The community public works program resulted in the performance of approximately 2,160 hours of labor in Sagadahoc County, saving over \$43,795 in labor costs. The **Civil Division** continues to serve orders and writs in a consistently professional manner.

In order that I may represent you effectively, it is important that I am aware of your questions and concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 319-5290. And I encourage interested persons to attend Board of Commissioners' meetings, which are held at 3:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the County Courthouse, 752 High Street, Bath, Me. (For details, call 443-8202 or check our web site: [www.sagcounty.com](http://www.sagcounty.com).)

Sincerely,  
Carol A. Grose





STATE OF MAINE  
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1 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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PAUL R. LEPAGE

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of West Bath:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at [www.maine.gov/governor](http://www.maine.gov/governor).

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage  
Governor



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Dear West Bath Residents,

Thank you for the opportunity to continue serving our community in my second term as your State Representative. I will continue to represent you conscientiously through my work at both the State House and here at home.

Our second regular legislative session is now underway and should adjourn by late April. Our work during the so-called “short session” is generally limited to bills carried over from the previous session and bills deemed urgent by legislative leadership. Among them is one I am working on to help licensed lobster fishermen diagnosed with a terminal illness.

I am happy to report that I continue to serve on the Legislature’s **Judiciary Committee**. Preserving basic fairness and equal protections under the law for all Maine people continues to require diligent attention. Part way through last year’s session, I was appointed to serve on the **Health and Human Services Committee** as well. Having been a social worker for 30 years, I am thankful for the firsthand experience and knowledge I am able to bring to my work on these important committees.

I also served as House chair of the Legislature’s **Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State**. (You can access the final report at: <http://legislature.maine.gov/uploads/originals/opioidtffinalrpt-3.pdf>) One of our top priorities this session will be implementation of the recommendations from the Task Force. Our recommendations include improving prevention efforts, law enforcement resources and increasing effective treatment options. We must do more to protect Maine families and I will be working to make sure we take effective action.

As we move forward tackling these and other challenges, I am determined to do the best work I can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine. Please contact me if I can be of any help to you and your family and if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov) and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out monthly email updates and would be honored to include you. Just drop me an email or give me a call to let me know you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

Joyce “Jay” McCreight  
State Representative



CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales—by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Chellie R" followed by a long horizontal line.

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our State have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

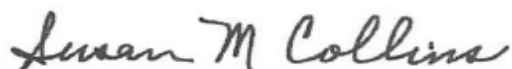
As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make "catch-up" contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve West Bath and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov). May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

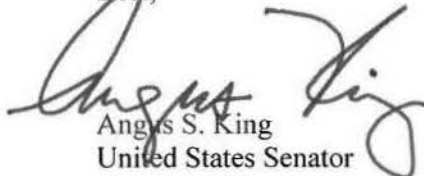
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



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Dear Residents of West Bath,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Senator in the Maine State Legislature. I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well.

This past year, the Legislature made progress in providing direct property tax relief to Maine homeowners. I was outspoken in the effort to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition to direct property tax relief, we also protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance, and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. These efforts will decrease the pressure on municipalities to increase mil rates. I know this is a top priority for many in our district and I will continue to work towards greater property tax relief.

I also sponsored a bill to lower prescription drug prices, which I am working on now that the Legislature is back in session. The bill would require drug manufacturers to report on their research and development costs, including how much was paid with taxpayer money or from marketing expenses and discount programs. The high cost of medicine burdens Mainers all over our state, while the pharmaceutical industry reaps a huge fortune. I don't think that's right, and I will continue to fight for lower drug costs for all the people in our state.

All in all, we considered over 1,600 pieces of legislation over the course of the last legislative session — including other bills I sponsored and issues that I worked on as a member of the Marine Resources committee.

As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to Sagadahoc County and Dresden, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to receive the e-newsletter, if you have a question or comment, or wish to share any concerns you may have. My office number is (207) 287-1515 and my email address is [Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Eloise.Vitelli@legislature.maine.gov).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Maine Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eloise Vitelli".

Senator Eloise Vitelli







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BMV (Topsham).....	725-6520
Department of Human Services.....	287-3707
Maine Dept of Transportation.....	885-7000
Maine District Court in West Bath.....	442-0200
Red Tide Hotline.....	1-800-232-4733
RSU 1 Superintendent.....	443-6601
Sagadahoc County Registry of Deeds.....	443-8214
Sagadahoc Sheriff's Dept (non-emergency).....	443-8201



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Codes Enforcement Officer Ellis Reed.....	443-4342
Fire Chief/EMA Director Jonathan Beane.....	449-2699
Harbor Master Joseph Vaillancourt.....	443-6362
Road Commissioner Steve Renaud.....	442-0581
Shellfish Warden Doug Alexander.....	443-3114/504-1523
West Bath Fire Dept (Non-Emergency).....	443-1500
West Bath Fire Hall (Rental) Lisa Moore.....	751-3489
West Bath School Superintendent Emily Thompson.....	443-9145
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